Mayors' Council of Guam
Konsehelon Mahot Guåhan

August 11, 2017

The Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz
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Dear Speaker Cruz,

Buenas Yan Hafa Adai! Transmitted herewith for your information and file Resolution No. 2017-16-005 "**RELATIVE TO OBSERVING AUGUST 8, 2015, AS *CHAGUI'AN MEMORIAL AND REMEMBRANCE DAY*, AND CALLING UPON THE PEOPLE OF GUAM TO OBSERVE THIS SOLEMN DAY WITH APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES AND PLEDGING OUR ETERNAL VIGILANCE AND STRONG RESOLVE IN REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN BROTHERS AT *CHAGUI'AN***" which was duly and regularly adopted by the Mayors' Council of Guam on Monday, August 7, 2017.

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Thank you for your attention regarding this matter. If you should have any questions or comments relative to the above resolution, please do not hesitate to call me.

Senseramente,

ANGEL R. SABLAN
Executive Director

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Resolution No. 2017-16-005

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BE IT RESOLVED BY KONSEHELON MAHOT GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, on December 8, 1941, the Empire of Japan invaded and captured the Island of Guam several hours after launching the attack on Pearl Harbor that propelled the United States into World War II. Guam was under the rule of the Empire of Japan for nearly three (3) years during the War, the only populated American soil captured and occupied by the enemy in World War II; and

WHEREAS, they treated the people of Guam harshly. Chamorros were forced to move into concentration camps. The Japanese Imperial Forces used many Chamorros as laborers for carrying supplies and ammunition, and for building infrastructure to advance the Japanese war efforts. The largest of these concentration camps was located in the Municipality of Yona, in an area known as *Manenggon*, at onetime housing over eight thousand (8,000) men, women and children who had been forced to march to the remote site in early 1944; and

WHEREAS, to further their hold on the island, the Japanese Imperial Forces, selected fifty (50) Chamorro men from the *Manenggon* concentration camp and forced them, to carry war supplies and ammunitions to their command post at *Milalak, Yigo*, near *Chagui'an*; and

WHEREAS, this location was unknown to the U.S. Armed Forces who landed to liberate our people. As the U.S. Armed Forces reached *Yigo* on August 7, 1944, the 21st Marine Regiment, made a gruesome discovery, they found a Japanese truck loaded with decapitated bodies of Chamorro men near *Chagui'an*; and

WHEREAS, they continued their search and discovered more bodies with their hands bound behind their backs, in a kneeling position and all were beheaded. The following is a list of Chamorro men, identified by military records, Government of Guam (Records and Accounts), dated October 3, 1945.

Manuel Acosta	Gregorio Agualo Cruz	Jesus Cabrera Quichocho
Antonio Babauta Babauta	Doroteo Diaz Diaz	Ramon Manibusan Quidachay
Juan Castro Blas	Carlos Santos Duenas	Ramon Baza Quitaro
Jose Cruz Borja	Jose Pocaigue Fernandez	Ramon San Nicolas Rapolla
Antonio Duenas Cabo	Felix Santos Laguana	Henry Mendiola Reyes
Juan Castro Cabrera	Ignacio Ignacio Laguana	Joaquin Cruz Reyes
Jesus Guerrero Camacho	Juan Salas Leon Guerrero	Jose Cruz Reyes
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Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the *Konsehelon Mahot Guåhan* do hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, call upon our people to forever remember today, as *Chagui'an Memorial and Remembrance Day*; and to pledge our eternal vigilance and strong resolve to remember our fallen brothers at *Chagui'an*; and be it further

RESOLVED that the *Konsehelon Mahot Guåhan* do hereby, resolve that with our strength, vigilance and devotion, we will forever keep our island free and remain *Tano I man Chamorro.* We further resolve that we will keep faith with those we have loved and lost and to always remember *Chagui'an*, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President certify, and the Secretary of the Council attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Rudy M. Matanane, Mayor of Yigo; the Honorable Anthony P. Sanchez, Vice Mayor of Yigo, the *Chagui'an* Memorial Committee; the Surviving Family Members; the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States House of Representatives; the Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guåhan, and the Honorable Edward JB Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan.*

DULY ADOPTED ON THE 7th DAY OF AUGUST 2017, IN THE CITY OF HAGÅTÑA, GUAM.

CERTIFIED BY:

MAYOR PAUL M. McDONALD
President

ATTESTED BY:

MAYOR DORIS F. LUJAN
Secretary