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LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
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JOSHUA F. TENORIO
SIGUNDO MAGA'LÅHI • LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

HAGÅTÑA, GUAM
PROCLAMATION 2022-65

A Proclamation of the Governor

PROCLAIMING JULY 27, 2022 AS IGLESIA NI CRISTO DAY

WHEREAS, the Iglesia Ni Cristo (Church of Christ) is a Christian denomination endowed with the primary purpose of serving and worshiping based on teachings recorded in the Bible; and

WHEREAS, the Iglesia Ni Cristo is a church for everyone who embraces faith – regardless of one’s nationality, cultural background, social standing, economic status, or educational attainment; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 1914, the Iglesia Ni Cristo was officially registered with the Philippine Government by founder Felix Manalo and became the new church's first Executive Minister; and

WHEREAS, the new church was guided by Minister Manalo in the Philippines capital of Manila. Its first congregation was established in the Santa Ana district of Manila; and

WHEREAS, from its humble beginnings, the Iglesia Ni Cristo grew to become the largest indigenous Christian Church in the Philippines, the largest religion to originate from the Philippines, and the largest independent Christian Church in Asia; and

WHEREAS, the Iglesia ni Cristo officially registered with the Government of Guam on March 17, 1969, and held its first services in a Quonset hut in Tamuning. Today their present house of worship in Harmon, represents an \$2.1 million dollar investment with a 600-seating capacity. The new church was dedicated on March 19, 1994, and continues to serve as a spiritual house for thousands of worshippers; and

WHEREAS, for decades, the Iglesia Ni Cristo has carried a proud tradition of helping those in need and contributing to the spiritual development of our island community, and

WHEREAS, the people of Guam are grateful for the faithful works of the Iglesia ni Cristo. We recognize the dedicated brethren, who have contributed to humanitarian advancement and the well-being of our people; and

WHEREAS, the Iglesia ni Cristo is celebrating over a century of strength, solace, and progress, and we commemorate their historic 108th anniversary, and their countless contributions to our island and people; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, *Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim July 27, 2022, as Iglesia Ni Cristo Day in celebration of the church’s 108th anniversary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JOSHUA F. TENORIO, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lieutenant Governor of Guam, hereby, together with the *Maga'håga*, cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña*, on this **Twenty-Sixth day of July** in the Year of our Lord, *Anno Domini*, **Two Thousand and Twenty-Two**.

COUNTERSIGNED:



Lou Leon Guerrero

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Joshua F. Tenorio

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan
Lieutenant Governor of Guam