



**FIFTH ASSEMBLY )**  
**STATE OF TENNESSEE )**  
*Term 2013-2014*

**RESOLUTION No. 10**

**RESOLUTION ANNOUNCING THAT BOTH THE HERITAGE DAY AND 2<sup>ND</sup> LITTLE MISS F.A.A.T. SHALL BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE AND LOCATION IN TENNESSEE**

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**Introduced by Mila Vazquez and Mina Galamgam**

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**WHEREAS**, Heritage Day is an event held every two (2) years since the Filipino American Association of Tennessee (F.A.A.T.) was formed and aims to showcase the colorful Filipino culture and traditions to Tennesseans and surrounding States;

**WHEREAS**, Little Miss F.A.A.T. (hereinafter referred to as “LMFAAT”) is a fundraising pageant among Filipino-American children in Tennessee which F.A.A.T. started in 2013;

**WHEREAS**, per minutes of the meeting held last 11 January 2014, page 11 lines 8-10, the Board decided to conduct Heritage Day and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Little Miss F.A.A.T. on the same day;

**WHEREAS**, on 24 January 2014, Heritage Day Chairpersons Mila Vazquez and Mina Galamgam proposed via email to conduct their event as a standalone or separate from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Little Miss F.A.A.T., the reasons being that:

1. Combining several agendas in one event has not worked out so well; Case in point, 2011's LMFAAT/Heritage Day and Halloween/Member's Forum/Costume Contest/Operation Christmas Child;
2. Because Heritage Day is going to be a free event, it would be difficult to obtain grants and sponsorships if the event will be held simultaneous with LMFAAT, which is a fundraising event;
3. LMFAAT would be the focus of the event because it is the fundraising activity and that being so, it would be difficult to showcase the whole Filipino Heritage;
4. Per Mina Galamgam, two (2) different events are easier to plan than one multifaceted one;
5. Also, there is too much going on not only stresses out the chair people (especially the week of the event) but also overwhelms our supporters, members, and attendees;

**WHEREAS**, Public Relations Officer Brad Wright responded to such email on the same day stating that “LMFAAT and Heritage Day should remain united,” further, in his words:

“While it may seem busy, my concern is that LMFAAT has appeal limited to the participants and their family members, while Heritage Day is for everyone. If you break LMFAAT off on it's own, you have to take on the additional time and expense of renting another location, with the possibility of a smaller turnout for the event.”

**WHEREAS**, Treasurer Lynnette Ferrer concurred with Brad via email stating that, “splitting HD/LMF means double the expenses and efforts”, and that:

“from the 2010 HD event, FAAT broke even as far as expenses/profit...”

The 2012 HD/LMF combined effort collected a total of around \$7,500 and profited \$5,000 after expenses, so obviously combined event drew more crowd and money thus more advantageous to FAAT.

The 2012 HD/LMF was the first time FAAT combined the event so yes there were some mistakes on the first attempt but we sure can learn from it and improve for the following events.”

**WHEREAS**, President Jaycel Montealegre averred that the Board should “stick with the plan to keep HD/LMFAAT *“together,”*” further saying via email that:

“Looking back from the last HD/LMFAAT – it was an interactive event for all. HD touch was everywhere to keep the people occupied while they wait for the next segment for Little Miss.

\* Halloween juggled 4 simultaneous events in one day. It had not even a month to plan.

\* LMFAAT panel who walked out – This guy had a work emergency, so he had to leave.

\* Doing it together gives us time to breathe and make our other EVENTS for 2014 successful as well. Splitting it means DOUBLE the planning, invites, expense, double everything which might be “pushing” too hard not just for the “working officers” but to members as well.

Please note that aside from 4 BIG FAAT EVENTS this year (VALENTINES, SPORTSFEST/FAMILY DAY, HD/LMFAAT, ELECTION) we are asked to participate /volunteer and be present to other Fil Am Group’s BIG EVENTS as well (FOTN (April), Columbia’s Medical Mission (July) and Clarksville Anniversary (Aug). But of course I always will support whatever the majority decides. We CANNOT linger too much. Venue availabilities will not wait for us!”;

**WHEREAS**, after final deliberations, Annaliese Kittrel, Mina Galamgam and Mila Vazquez voted to split the events;

**WHEREAS**, Brad Wright, Jaycel Montealegre, Lynnette Ferrer, Sol Sikes, Jim Rodriguez and Joy Matanguihan-Gallagher voted for a no-split;

**NOW, THEREFORE, WITH 6 VOTES FOR NO SPLIT AGAINST 3 FOR SPLITTING, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY MAJORITY OF THE 2013-2014 BOARD OF OFFICERS OF F.A.A.T., TO CONDUCT THE HERITAGE DAY AND LITTLE MISS F.A.A.T. IN ONE DAY.**

**FINAL VOTE CAST ON 25 OF JANUARY, YEAR 2014.**

*Adopted,*

***THE BOARD***