

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2010 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 313-30 (LS)**

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**Relative to commending and congratulating the National Association of Social Workers, Guam Chapter, for its contributions and services to the island of Guam on the celebration of March 2010 as Professional Social Work Month.**

1           **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN**  
2 **GUÅHAN:**

3           **WHEREAS**, the National Association of Social Workers , Inc. (NASW),  
4 is the largest professional organization of social workers in the United States;  
5 and

6           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Chapter of the National Association of Social  
7 Workers was chartered by the NASW Delegate Assembly on August 15, 1999,  
8 and has been in existence as a professional social work association since that  
9 time; and

10           **WHEREAS**, social workers are committed to the development and  
11 improvement of the quality of life of individuals, families and communities in  
12 society. The job performed by a social worker is based on the value of service;  
13 the pursuit of social and economic justice; the dignity and worth of every  
14 person; the importance of human relationships; and the integrity and  
15 competence of professional social work practice; and

16           **WHEREAS**, social workers possess the proper education and  
17 experience to guide individuals, families and communities through complex  
18 issues and choices. They work through government, military and educational  
19 institutions, hospitals, and private practices, agencies and organizations to  
20 provide resources and guidance that support social functioning and assist in  
21 resolving systematic issues that negatively affect community life; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the month of March is recognized by the United States of  
2 America to honor the social workers who selflessly devote themselves to  
3 helping and serving others in the community. This observance also pays  
4 homage to their unwavering concern for social problems, and their causes,  
5 solutions and impacts on society; and

6           **WHEREAS**, on March 8, 2010, the Acting Governor of Guam, Michael  
7 W. Cruz, M.D., signed and proclaimed March 2010 as Professional Social  
8 Work Month, with this year’s theme of “ Social Workers Inspire Community  
9 Action”; and

10           **WHEREAS**, in Guam and throughout the Micronesia, social workers  
11 focus on addressing and resolving social issues and make available essential  
12 services to their communities, including casework, counseling, advocacy and  
13 teaching; and

14           **WHEREAS**, this year’s Annual Social Work Training Conference will be  
15 held on March 24-25, 2010, at the Guam Marriott Resort & Spa Hotel in  
16 *Tumon*; and

17           **WHEREAS**, during the annual banquet, which will be held this year on  
18 March 26, 2010, recognition will be made for the “Social Worker of the Year”  
19 Award; the “Lifetime Achievement” Award; the “Exemplary Service  
20 Provider” Award; the “Public Citizen” Award; and the “Social Work Student  
21 of the Year” Award; now, therefore, be it

22           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on

1 behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate and commend the officers and  
2 members of the National Association of Social Workers, Guam Chapter, as  
3 they celebrate the month of March 2010 as “Professional Social Work Month”,  
4 in honor of their decades of unselfish contributions to the people of Guam and  
5 Micronesia; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary  
7 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter  
8 transmitted to Ms. Ovita Perez, BSW-MSW-S, NASW-GU President; to Ms.  
9 Hope Pangelinan, BSW-MSW-S, NSW-GU Student Representative; and to the  
10 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA  
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2010.**



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**JUDITH T. WONPAT, Ed.D.**  
Speaker



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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary