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

Resolution No. 351-30 (LS)

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Relative to commending the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the PEACE Project Guam, and all the participants of the 20<sup>TH</sup> Annual Youth for Youth Live! Guam Conference.

## BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN

**GUÅHAN**:

WHEREAS, building a sound foundation for our youth and providing the education, skills, resources, and nurturing guidance they need to succeed is one of the most important legacies we leave behind as parents, leaders, and members of this community; and

WHEREAS, today's adolescents are faced with countless critical challenges, even as our society's progress continues to provide never before seen opportunities and resources to achieve lifelong goals; and

WHEREAS, through the monumental efforts and dedication of women such as "Mama" Gayle R. Osborn and "Auntie" Bobbie S.N. Benavente of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; and all of the hardworking men and women moving Guam's mental health profession forward every day, our youth are fortunate to experience the strength of these mentors and leaders, who volunteer their time and resources, and dedicate their careers to providing our youth, especially those who are at most risk of substance abuse or suicide, with a positive and nurturing influence; and

WHEREAS, since 1988, the vision and foresight of these individuals has since developed into a regionally-renowned organization of youth-driven and youth-led prevention programs that have been a positive outlet for our families, villages, communities, schools, and our children; and

WHEREAS, the Youth for Youth Live! Guam Conference continues to

present a great alternative for our future leaders by providing activities and events that promote the prevention of drug, alcohol, and tobacco abuse, suicide, and violence, through establishing strong morals, values and healthy lifestyles, while emphasizing the importance of building a sound foundation focused on cultural acceptance, education, and reaching attainable goals; and

WHEREAS, today marks the 20th Youth for Youth Live! Guam Conference, where young people from throughout our region join together to discuss the importance of substance abuse and suicide prevention, so that they may positively influence their lives and the lives of other students and youth around them; and

WHEREAS, this annual Conference, attended by hundreds of students each year, continues to be a beacon of hope in our community, as adults and adolescents alike work together to spread the message of saving lives, building futures and raising awareness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Lishelaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the PEACE Project Guam, the Youth for Youth Organization, and all the organizers, sponsors and youth participants of the Youth for Youth Live! Guam Conference, and all those who have contributed to the success of the Conference for more than two (2) decades; and does commend Gayle Osborn and Barbara Benavente for their vision and dedication to our children; and be it further

- 1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
- 2 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
- 3 transmitted to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; to
- 4 the PEACE Project Guam; to the Youth for Youth Organization; to Gayle
- 5 Osborn; to Barbara Benavente; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I
- 6 Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINATRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2010.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D Speaker TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary