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1 Relative to combating Human Trafficking in our community, and
2 throughout the world, and emancipating the estimated 27 million
3 people enslaved in today's world, with 200,000 of them in the United
4 States, and preventing additional women, children, and men from
5 being trafficked; and in order to encourage greater awareness of
6 human trafficking and all other forms of modern day slavery.

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8 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I' MINA'TRENTE NA***
9 ***LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

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11 **WHEREAS**, Human trafficking in the United States, and on Guam, is on the rise, and
12 combating it must involve the American people and the United States government, the
13 residents of Guam and Micronesia; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Human trafficking is present day slavery, involving the recruitment,
15 transportation, or sale of persons for forced labor, and through the use of violence,
16 threats, and coercion, enslaved persons may be forced to work in the sex trade,

1 domestic labor, factories, hotels or restaurants, agriculture, peddling, or begging;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, the United States is the only nation in world history to fight a civil war to
4 abolish slavery, and its government and citizens must once again stand united to successfully
5 defeat the current form of modern slavery that is Human Trafficking, in the United States, on
6 Guam, and around the world, no matter how long it takes; and

7 **WHEREAS**, In June 2004, the United States Department of State reported that 14,500
8 to 17,500 people are trafficked annually into the United States, having been bought,
9 sold, transported, and held in inhumane conditions for forced use as prostitutes or
10 laborers; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the problem of human trafficking has reached epic proportions, and is
12 the fastest-growing criminal industry in the world with the destructive practices of
13 trafficking well-known to damage both those persons exploited, as well as the
14 communities they inhabit; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the federal government and several states recognize the grave human
16 rights, health, and security implications of human trafficking in the United States, on
17 Guam, and around the world; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in 2000, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (22 U.S.C. Sec. 7101 et
19 seq.) was enacted by the federal government to “combat trafficking in persons, a
20 contemporary manifestation of slavery whose victims are predominantly women
21 and children, to ensure just and effective punishment of traffickers, and to protect
22 their victims”; and

23 **WHEREAS**, women and children comprise the majority of trafficking victims; the
24 low social status of women in many parts of the world facilitates a thriving
25 trafficking industry with victims of human trafficking living daily with inhumane
26 treatment, including physical violence, psychological violence, sexual abuse, food

1 deprivation, sleep deprivation, threats to a victim's family, and destruction of a
2 victim's dignity and self-worth; and

3 **WHEREAS**, traffickers also use techniques such as debt bondage, isolation from the
4 public, and confiscation of passports, visas, or other pieces of identification, to keep
5 victims enslaved; now, therefore be it

6 **WHEREAS**, under the guidance of March Against Terror USA, the National Day of
7 Human Trafficking Awareness and the Fight Against Concealed Enslavement
8 (FACE) Program represent an ongoing commitment joined by the people of Guam to
9 year-round awareness of human trafficking and all other forms of modern day
10 slavery who will through their awareness, assist authorities in whatever it takes to
11 disrupt and defeat the global human trafficking network; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina Trente na Liheslaturan Guåhan* declares on behalf of the
13 people of Guam, its opposition to and condemnation of criminally injurious activities,
14 which exploit persons in an economic or sexual manner and recognizes the National
15 Day of Human Trafficking Awareness is January 11 of each year in order to
16 encourage greater awareness of human trafficking on Guam, in America and
17 throughout the world, and all other forms of modern day slavery; and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that this resolution affirms *I Mina Trente na Liheslaturan Guåhan's*
19 commitment to the principles of human rights as well as to the beliefs and actions
20 combating trafficking in human beings and that the Speaker certify, and the
21 Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the
22 same be thereafter transmitted to the Ann Roth, President of Soroptimist
23 International of Guam; and the Chet Neri, President of Guam Council of Women's
24 Club, to the Speaker of the 30th Guam Legislature, and to the Honorable Felix P.
25 Camacho, *I Magalahen Guåhan*.

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1 DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTE NA LIHESLATURAN
2 GUÁHAN ON THE DAY NINTH DAY OF JANUARY 2009

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**Speaker and
Chairperson, Executive Committee**

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**Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature**