

I MINA 'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTION STATUS

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282-34 (LS)	Telena Cruz Nelson Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. FRANK B. AGUON JR.	Relative to recognizing the observance of October 2017 as “National Breast Cancer Awareness Month” on Guam, to honor those individuals who have lost their lives to breast cancer; to celebrate those who have survived the disease; and to pledge to continue to combat this terrible illness through education and awareness.	10/27/17 11:34 a.m.	TBA	

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

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4 **WHEREAS,** On October 6, 2017 Lieutenant Governor Ray Tenorio
5 proclaimed October 2017 as “Breast Cancer Awareness Month”, to encourage
6 citizens, government agencies, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, and
7 all other interested groups to join in activities that will increase awareness of
8 what our community of Guam can do to prevent breast cancer; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an annual campaign to
10 raise awareness of breast cancer risks, the value of screening and early
11 detection, and treatment options available to women and men who are
12 diagnosed with one of the many forms of breast cancer; and

13 **WHEREAS,** breast cancer in young women is more aggressive, and any
14 delays in diagnosis and treatment can have serious consequences, many of

1 which could be countered by breast cancer education and awareness; and

2 **WHEREAS,** the National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF)
3 recommends that women ages 40 to 44 should have the choice to start annual
4 breast cancer screening with mammograms if they wish to do so; women;
5 women age 45 to 54 should get mammograms every year; women age 55 and
6 older should switch to mammograms every two (2) years, or can continue
7 yearly screening; screening should continue as long as a woman is in good
8 health and is expected to live 10 more years or longer; and all women should be
9 familiar with the known benefits, limitations, and potential harms linked to
10 breast cancer screening; and

11 **WHEREAS,** Guam has seen roughly three hundred (300) cases of
12 breast cancer over the year; and according to the NBCF, more than two hundred
13 forty nine thousand (249,000) people in the United States are diagnosed with
14 invasive breast cancer every year, and nearly forty one thousand (41,000) die
15 from the disease; and

16 **WHEREAS,** older women, and those who have a personal or family
17 history of breast cancer, are among those at greatest risk of developing the
18 illness, and early detection is key in the fight against the disease; and

19 **WHEREAS,** screening with mammograms can help detect breast cancer
20 in its early stages, and persons of both sexes should speak with their health care
21 providers about this disease to learn more about the symptoms, diagnosis, and
22 treatment of breast cancer; and

23 **WHEREAS,** breast cancer remains the most common cancer diagnosed
24 in Guamanians; and is the second (2nd) leading cause of cancer death among
25 Guam's women; and

26 **WHEREAS,** the staff of Guam Cancer Care, along with organizations

1 such as the American Cancer Society and the Edward M. Calvo Cancer
2 Foundation organized month long events beginning with a “Get Your Pink On”
3 nonpartisan wave event, that was held on October 2, 2017 at the ITC
4 Intersection from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00; the sixteenth (16th) Annual “Strides for the
5 Cure 2K/5K Run held on October 7, 2017 at the Beach Bar, Gun Beach; a
6 Breast Cancer Conference: “Un-Masking Breast Cancer” Sharing Wisdom &
7 Resources held on October 20, 2017 at the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa, just to
8 name a few; all with the goal to promote increased awareness of breast cancer
9 on Guam; now therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Kuattro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
11 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the observance of October 2017 as
12 “Breast Cancer Awareness Month” on Guam, to honor those individuals who have
13 lost their lives to breast cancer; to celebrate those who have survived the disease; and
14 to pledge to continue to combat this terrible illness through education and awareness;
15 and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
17 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Marisha
18 Artero and Ms. Tina Noket, Community Managers of the Guam Branch of the
19 American Cancer Society; to Terry Cuabo, Executive Director of Guam Cancer Care;
20 and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ____ DAY OF OCTOBER 2017.

BENJAMIN J. F. CRUZ
Speaker

REGINE BISCOE LEE
Legislative Secretary