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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS,** stalking is defined as a pattern of repeated and unwanted
4 attention, harassment, contact, or any other course of conduct directed at a specific
5 person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear. A relatively new form of
6 stalking, cyberstalking, can be defined as the use of electronic communication,
7 including pagers, cell phones, emails, and the internet, to bully, threaten, harass, and
8 intimidate a victim; and

9 **WHEREAS,** stalking takes many forms, including, repeated, unwanted,
10 intrusive, and frightening communications; repeatedly leaving or sending the victim
11 unwanted items, presents, or flowers; following or laying inwait for the victim;
12 making direct or indirect threats to harm the victim and the people around them;

1 damaging or threatening to damage the victim's property; harassing the victim
2 through the internet, cell phone, or other electronic device (i.e. cyberstalking); posting
3 information or spreading rumors about the victim; and obtaining personal information
4 to harass the victim; and

5 **WHEREAS**, according to National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence
6 Survey (NISVS) fifteen percent (15%) of women and six percent (6%) of men are
7 stalked over the course of their lifetime; and

8 **WHEREAS**, one (1) in six (6) women and one (1) in nineteen (19) men have
9 experienced stalking and victimization during their lifetime in which they felt very
10 fearful or believed that they or someone close to them would be harmed or killed; and
11 six (6) million women and men in the United States are victims of stalking each year;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, 3.5 million women and nearly one (1) million men first
14 experienced being stalked before the age of eighteen (18); and

15 **WHEREAS**, people who are eighteen (18) to twenty-four (24) years old
16 experience the highest rate of stalking; and

17 **WHEREAS**, 66.2 percent of female victims of stalking were stalked by a
18 current or former intimate partner, and thirty-one (31) percent of the women who were
19 stalked by an intimate partner were sexually assaulted by that partner; and

20 **WHEREAS**, three (3) in ten (10) victims reported being injured emotionally or
21 psychologically from being stalked; and

22 **WHEREAS**, statistics show that from January to December 2012, there were
23 four hundred eighty-eight (488) arrests related to family violence, sexual assault and
24 stalking- 65.1% for family violence, 31.1% for sexual assault, and 3.8% for stalking,
25 as reported by the Pacific News Center; and

1 **WHEREAS**, local statistics received from the Guam Police Department (GPD)
2 indicates that in 2015, twenty-four (24) incidents of Stalking were reported; in 2016,
3 twenty-six (26) incidents of Stalking were reported; and as of 12/21/17, fifteen (15)
4 incidents of Stalking were reported. These numbers should actually be higher, as
5 several stalking cases are under classed as Harassment incidents. According to GPD,
6 one hundred and forty-four (144) Harassment complaints that were Stalking related
7 were reported in 2015, one hundred fifty-three (153) Harassment complaints that were
8 Stalking related were reported in 2016, and one hundred fifty (150) Harassment
9 complaints that were Stalking related were reported in 2017; and that one hundred
10 percent (100%) of these reports are Family Violence or Dating Violence related; and

11 **WHEREAS**, a majority of stalking victims are teenagers and young adults,
12 who are often unaware of the signs of stalking and the resources available to them in
13 our community; now therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee On Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Kuattro Na*
15 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, support and
16 recognize the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence, in
17 partnership with the Attorney General's Office, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Guam
18 Police Department, and the Governor's Community Outreach-Federal Programs
19 Office, as well as numerous community advocates, for their efforts to raise awareness
20 about and encourage the prevention of stalking through community outreach and
21 ongoing training, and on the observance of "National Stalking Awareness Month";
22 and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
24 and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same
25 be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Katherine A. Maraman, Chief Justice,
26 Supreme Court; to the Honorable Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson, Attorney General of

1 Guam; to Joseph I. Cruz, Chief of Police, Guam Police Department; to Attorney
2 Stephen P. Hattori, Executive Director, Public Defender Service Corporation; to Rey
3 Vega, Director, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center; to James Gillan,
4 Director, Department of Public Health and Social Services; to the Guam Coalition
5 Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence; to the Honorable Shawn N. Anderson,
6 Office of the United States Attorney; to Raymond F.Y. Blas, Administrator,
7 Governor's Community Out-reach, Federal Programs Office; to Angel Sablan,
8 Executive Director, Mayor's Council of Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B.
9 Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ____
DAY OF JANUARY 2018.**

BENJAMIN J. F. CRUZ
Speaker

REGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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Legislative Secretary