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

3 WHEREAS, human trafficking in the United States, and on Guam, continues
4 to be on the rise, and combating it must involve the American people, the United
5 States government, and the residents of Guam and Micronesia; and

6 WHEREAS, human trafficking is modern day slavery, involving the
7 recruitment, transportation or sale of a person for forced labor; and through violence,
8 threats and coercion, enslaved persons may be forced to work in the sex trade,
9 domestic labor, factories, hotels and restaurants, agriculture, peddling or begging; and

10 WHEREAS, human trafficking primarily involves exploitation, which comes
11 in many forms including, forcing victims into prostitution; subjecting victims to

1 slavery or involuntary servitude; compelling victims to commit sex acts for the
2 purpose of creating pornography; and misleading victims into debt bondage; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the estimate forty (40) million people enslaved in today's world
4 with between fourteen thousand five hundred (14,500) and seventeen thousand five
5 hundred (17,500) of them trafficked into the United States each year; with a total of 25
6 million modern slaves in the Asia and Pacific Region; and

7 **WHEREAS**, according to some estimates, approximately seventy-four percent
8 (74%) of human trafficking involves sexual exploitation; and fourteen percent (14%)
9 involves labor exploitation; and

10 **WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. State Department, six hundred thousand
11 (600,000) to eight hundred thousand (800,000) people are trafficked across
12 international borders every year. More than eighty percent (80%) are females and half
13 are children. The average age a teen enters the sex trade in the U.S. is twelve (12) to
14 fourteen (14) years old, of which many of the victims are runaway girls who were
15 sexually abused as children; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the International Labour Organization estimates that women and
17 girls represent the largest share of forced labor victims, with 11.4 million trafficking
18 victims (or 55%), compared to men and boys at 9.5 million (or 45%); and

19 **WHEREAS**, the problem of human trafficking continues to reach epic
20 proportions, and is the third largest international crime industry, behind illegal drugs
21 and arms trafficking. Reportedly, the human trafficking industry generates a profit of
22 32 billion dollars every year, and of the number, 15.5 billion dollars are made in
23 industrialized countries; and

24 **WHEREAS**, if left unimpeded, human trafficking can and will continue to
25 flourish in environments where traffickers generate significant monetary profits with
26 relatively low risk of getting caught or losing profits; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime adopted the
2 supplemental document “Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in
3 Persons, Especially Women and Children” intended “to prevent and combat
4 trafficking in persons, paying particular attention to women and children; to protect
5 and assist the victims in such trafficking, with full respect to their human rights; and
6 to promote cooperation among States Parties in order to meet those objectives”; and

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

12 **WHEREAS**, the agencies and organizations that serve victims and survivors of
13 human trafficking and those crimes that are involved or affiliated with human
14 trafficking including: the Judiciary of Guam; the Attorney General of Guam; Guam
15 Police Department; Public Defender Service Corporation; Guam Behavioral Health
16 and Wellness Center; Department of Public Health and Social Services; Guam
17 Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence; the U.S. Attorney’s Office;
18 the Governor’s Community Outreach-Federal Programs Office, and the Mayors’
19 Council of Guam; and now therefore, be it

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’trentai Kuåttro Na*
21 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the people
22 of Guam, to recognize and observe January as “National Human Trafficking
23 Awareness Month”; and to further extend Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’ to the
24 Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence, and numerous
25 community advocates, for their outstanding public service they provide to the people
26 of Guam; and be it further resolved

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
2 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
3 the same be thereafter to the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family
4 Violence; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

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

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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Legislative Secretary