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Introduced by:

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Relative to declaring the days of February 3-10th, 2007 as SPAY GUAM WEEK to encourage island residents to sterilize their pets and to assist others to sterilize their pets to help reduce the cat and dog overpopulation of our island, and to extend a warm *Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* to the hard working volunteers and workers of Guam Animals In Need for their exemplary service to the community.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, cats and dogs provide companionship and share homes with thousands of individuals in Guam, and many of our island's residents treat their pets as members of the family; and

WHEREAS, for each pet that has a home there are many that do not, often running wild throughout our island, causing litter problems, spreading disease, creating a nuisance and contributing to Guam's pet overpopulation problem; and

WHEREAS, the problem of pet overpopulation costs the taxpayers of Guam thousands of dollars annually through animal control programs aimed at coping with the thousands of homeless cats and dogs even though many of these animals are healthy and adoptable; and

WHEREAS, spaying and neutering cats and dogs has been proven to dramatically reduce the cat and dog overpopulation of our island and

Guam Animals In Need (GAIN), Inc., Guam's only humane society, euthanizes approximately 4,000 cats and dogs each year due to a lack of critical resources such as money, space, and suitable adoptive homes; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens have worked with GAIN, Inc., to ensure the spaying and neutering of more than 3,000 homeless animals during annual sterilization clinics in the past five years, and these groups have joined together again to advocate the spaying and neutering of homeless animals during an eight day clinic to be held from February 3 to 10, 2007; and

WHEREAS, a number of island businesses and organizations have joined with GAIN, Inc. to lend a hand in providing this valuable public service, including Continental Air Lines, Isla Veterinary Clinic, Matson Navigation Company, Budget Car Rental, Guam Tropical Dive Station, National Office Supply, Creativitees, Guahan Waste Control, Andersen Air Force Base Volunteers, and the U.S. Naval Hospital Volunteers; and

WHEREAS, each business and organization assisting GAIN, Inc. deserves recognition and our island's sincere appreciation for helping to reduce our population of homeless animals, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, designate February 3-10th, 2007 as SPAY GUAM WEEK, and call upon the people of Guam to observe these eight days by having their own cats and/or dogs spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the spaying and/or neutering of another person's cat or dog; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam extend a warm *Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* to the hard

working volunteers and workers of Guam Animals In Need, Inc., for their exemplary service to the community by reducing the number of homeless animals by finding them homes and through other means; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to the Guam Animals In Need, Inc.; to Continental Air Lines; to Isla Veterinary Clinic; to Matson Navigation Company; to Budget Car Rental; to Guam Tropical Dive Station; to National Office Supply; to Creativitees; to Guahan Waste Control; to the Andersen Air Force Base Volunteers; to the U.S. Naval Hospital Volunteers; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guáhan*, Governor of Guam.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE ___ TH DAY OF JANUARY 2007.