I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 168-31 (COR)

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Relative to commending and honoring the uniformed and civilian employees of the Department of Corrections for their dedication and meritorious service in protecting the people of Guam on the occasion of "Corrections Week" from July 31 through August 6, 2011.

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

WHEREAS, the island of Guam celebrates "Corrections Week 2011" from July 31 through August 6, 2011, to recognize and pay tribute to the dedicated uniformed and civilian employees of the Guam Department of Corrections (DOC); and

1 WHEREAS, the brave men and women of DOC have the difficult and 2 potentially dangerous responsibility of ensuring the custody, safety and well-being of 3 over six hundred (600) inmates, detainees and parolees under their jurisdiction; and

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WHEREAS, the uniformed and civilian employees of the Department of Corrections are committed to professionalism and to maintaining a safe environment 5 at DOC, which is in no small part due to the mutual respect built over time between 6 7 corrections officers and their wards; and

8 WHEREAS, over the last year, DOC has not had any serious incidents that disrupted or jeopardized the agency's operations, which attests to the commitment and 9 10 professionalism of every member of the Department. These uniformed and civilian personnel work hard every day to provide a safe environment for both the DOC 11 12 employees and their wards; and

WHEREAS, in addition to ensuring the safety of fellow staff and their wards, 13 14 DOC employees continue to make improvements in other aspects of the agency, including the implementation of a Parole Management Information System and the 15 16 expansion of the Green Valley Farm. DOC employees have also developed different programs allowing for qualified wards to assist with community activities related to 17 18 construction, landscaping and island beautification projects; and

WHEREAS, with projects coordinated through DOC's Giving Back to the 19 20 Community Service, inmates, detainees and parolees contributed eighteen thousand 21 five hundred (18,500) hours of community service in the year 2010. These 22 individuals assisted the Mayors Council of Guam and the Department of Education by 23 helping with lawn maintenance and various beautification projects for the benefit of 24 village residents and public school students alike; and

WHEREAS, in the current year, DOC inmates from the Halfway House 25 contributed a total of sixty-six thousand (66,000) work credit hours, with an additional 26

five thousand (5,000) hours performed by five (5) parolees. These work credit hours
are equivalent to over Six Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$648,875) worth of personnel compensation which the government of
Guam did not have to spend; and

5 WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections continues a proud history of 6 meritorious service in incarcerating and rehabilitating Guam's criminal offenders 7 through its fair but strict enforcement of correctional rules, regulations and proper 8 treatment of inmates; and

9 WHEREAS, the hard work, dedication, and assistance provided by the 10 Department of Corrections employees continue to improve the security, efficiency 11 and living standards of the inmates at its facilities; and

WHEREAS, both active and retired Department of Corrections employees deserve recognition and honor from our island community for their critical work as peace officers, and their unyielding commitment and dedication to public service and to preserving peace and order are deserving of such recognition; now therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'Trentai Unu Na 17 Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, commend and honor the uniformed and civilian employees of the 18 Department of Corrections for their dedication and meritorious service in protecting 19 our island on the occasion of "Corrections Week" from July 31 through August 6, 20 21 2011; and does further encourage the people of Guam to join the uniformed and civilian employees of the Department of Corrections in the celebration of their 22 23 continued service to our community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Jose A. San Agustin, Director of

- 1 Corrections; to Major Francisco B. Crisostomo, Facilities Superintendent; and to the
- 2 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 3RD DAY OF AUGUST 2011.

in J / lession JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. **RORY J. RESPICIO** Speaker **Chairperson, Committee on Rules** TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Legislative Secretary