

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

Resolution No. 205-31 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and commending the individuals and organizations involved in the promotion and education outreach component of Bullying Prevention in Guam, most especially during the observance of the month of October 2011 as “National Bullying Prevention Month”.

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

WHEREAS, communities across the country have celebrated National Bullying Prevention Month during the month of October, since it was first introduced in 2006 by the PACER Center, an organization dedicated to supporting the needs of children; and

WHEREAS, Guam seeks to educate and raise awareness of the bullying prevention efforts being undertaken throughout the nation and in our community to

1 ensure our youth do not become part of the mainland statistics, provided by the
2 International Association of Chiefs of Police, which finds that sixty percent (60%) of
3 boys who are identified as bullies will be convicted of a crime by the time they are
4 twenty-four (24) years old; or will be among the forty percent (40%) of bullies who
5 have three (3) or more convictions by the same age; and

6 **WHEREAS**, according to the 2009 Indicators of School Crime and Safety, one
7 third (1/3) of all students report having been bullied, and four percent (4%) admit to
8 being cyberbullied. Further, twenty percent (20%) of teens say they have been made
9 fun of by a bully; eighteen percent (18%) have had rumors or gossip spread about
10 them; eleven percent (11%) were physically bullied, to include being shoved, tripped,
11 or spat on; six percent (6%) were threatened; five percent (5%) were excluded from
12 activities they wanted to participate in; four percent (4%) were coerced into something
13 they did not want to do; and four percent (4%) had their personal belongings
14 destroyed by bullies; and

15 **WHEREAS**, it has been shown that community involvement is critical in
16 effectively reducing the occurrences of bullying, and in encouraging more acceptable
17 behaviors from our children through the education and promotion of positive
18 behavioral alternatives to bullying; and

19 **WHEREAS**, it has been recognized that each person in any community plays
20 one (1) of three (3) roles with regards to bullying: being either the bully, the bullied,
21 or the bystander who observes the act; and further recognizing that the bystander who
22 does not become involved in discouraging bullying behavior enables the behavior to
23 continue, and must be educated about the importance of their role in the prevention of
24 bullying; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Cyberbullying Research Center's 2009 statistics show that
26 twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) percent of students have been victims of

1 cyberbullying, and that these students are more likely to suffer from low self esteem
2 and suicidal thoughts, which is consistent with the rising occurrence of cyberbullying
3 in Guam, and the rising number of suicides among young people who are similarly
4 bullied; and

5 **WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Judiciary of Guam, the Guam Department of
6 Education and the community to address bullying in Guam and to instill the necessary
7 measures to ensure that all of Guam's students feel safe while attending school, and
8 that they no longer live in fear of being ridiculed, of being physically or emotionally
9 hurt, or of having their belongings damaged or destroyed by bullies; and

10 **WHEREAS**, members of the Judiciary of Guam, and the Department of
11 Education, along with community partners and concerned citizens, have joined
12 together to engage our youth in positive activities, and provide educational outreach
13 programs aimed at reducing bullying on Guam; now therefore, be it

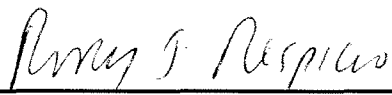
14 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina' Trentai Unu Na*
15 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
16 of Guam, recognize and commend the many individuals and organizations involved in
17 the promotion and education outreach component of Bullying Prevention in Guam,
18 which encourages the people of Guam to join in the effort to reduce bullying and
19 harassment in our schools and community, and in recognition of the month of October
20 2011 as "National Bullying Prevention Month;" and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
22 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
23 the same be thereafter transmitted to Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido, Judiciary of
24 Guam; to the Office of *I Maga'lahi*; to the Office of *I Segundu Na Maga'lahi*; to the
25 Office of Speaker Judith Won Pat; to the Office of Senator Rory Respicio; to the
26 Office of Senator Aline Yamashita; to the Office of Senator Judith P. Guthertz; to the

1 Office of Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes; to the *I Famagu'on-ta*; to the U.S. District
2 Court of Guam; to the Office of the Attorney General; to the United States Attorney's
3 Office; to the Office of the First Lady of Guam; to the Department of Mental Health
4 and Substance Abuse; to the Guam Bar Association; to the Guam Department of
5 Education; to the University of Guam (*Mungga Ma Kasse*); to the Guam Community
6 College; to the Department of Youth Affairs; to the Guam Police Department; to the
7 Sanctuary Incorporated of Guam; to the *Inafa'Maolek*; to the Parent Information
8 Resource Center (PIRC); to the Office of the Superintendent of Catholic Schools; to
9 Bishop Baumgartner Catholic School; to St. Anthony Catholic School; to Father
10 Duenas Memorial School; to San Vicente Catholic School; to Guam Evangelical
11 Christian Academy; to DISID; to Harvest Christian Academy; to St. Paul Christian
12 School; to St. John's School; to the Guam Anti-Bullying Organization; to the Guam
13 Girl Scouts; to the Guam National Guard; to the Counter Drug Task Force; to the
14 Guam Youth Congress; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen*
15 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 30TH DAY
OF SEPTEMBER 2011.**


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