

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing and commending Geoffrey Gersaniba for winning the First (1st) Place Award in the Third (3rd) to Fifth (5th) Grade Category of the BASTA Bullying Prevention Poster competition, which was part of the promotional and educational outreach component of Bullying Prevention on Guam, most especially during “National Bullying Prevention Month”.

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

WHEREAS, Guam has joined with communities across the United States in the observance of “National Bullying Prevention Month” during the month of

1 October, in order to promote bullying prevention within our schools and community,
2 and to support the needs of children; and

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

7 **WHEREAS**, it has been recognized that each person in our community plays
8 one (1) of three (3) roles with regards to bullying: being either the bully, the bullied,
9 or the bystander who observes the act; and further recognizing that the bystander who
10 does not become involved in discouraging bullying behavior enables the behavior to
11 continue, and they should be educated about the importance of their role in the
12 prevention of bullying; and


13 **WHEREAS**, Guam seeks to educate and raise awareness of bullying
14 prevention efforts by engaging our island's youth to become more active participants
15 in bullying prevention measures, such as the First (1st) BASTA (Bullying Affects
16 Students, Teachers, and ALL) Bullying Prevention Poster competition; and

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


21 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
22 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
23 of Guam, recognize and commend Geoffrey Gersaniba for his achievements and his
24 commitment to being a part of the solution to prevent bullying on Guam by his
25 participation in the BASTA Bullying Prevention Poster competition, and subsequently
26 winning the First (1st) Place Award in his category; and be it further

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 transmitted to Geoffrey Gersaniba; to the Honorable F. Philip
4 Carbullido, Chief Justice, Judiciary of Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B.
5 Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 25TH DAY
OF OCTOBER 2011.**



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Legislative Secretary