

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

**Resolution No. 276-31 (COR)**

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**Relative to commending and recognizing the West Care Pacific Islands organization, the Guam HIV/AIDS Network (GUAHAN) Project, and the Guam Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA) on the occasion of the Annual Torchlight Ceremony in honor of World AIDS Day on December 1, 2011.**

- 1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***  
2        ***MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***  
3        **WHEREAS,** World AIDS Day is held on the 1st of December every year, and  
4        it is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show

1 their support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those people who have  
2 died from the disease; and

3 **WHEREAS**, World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day, and the  
4 first one was held in 1988; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the global theme of this year's World AIDS Day ceremony is:  
6 "Getting to Zero: Zero AIDS-Related Deaths. Zero Discrimination. Zero New  
7 Infections." This year's commemoration is particularly significant because it marks  
8 thirty (30) years since the first case of HIV/AIDS was confirmed; and

9 **WHEREAS**, there has been about two hundred twenty-five (225) HIV cases  
10 diagnosed on Guam since 1985, and fifty (50) people are currently living with HIV on  
11 Guam. Globally, an estimated 33.3 million people have HIV. From 1981 to 2009,  
12 more than twenty-five million (25,000,000) people have died from the virus, making it  
13 one of the most destructive pandemics in history; and

14 **WHEREAS**, many scientific advances have been made in HIV treatment, and  
15 there are now laws to protect people living with HIV. But despite this, people do not  
16 know the facts about how to protect themselves and others from HIV, and stigma and  
17 discrimination remain a reality for many people living with HIV; and

18 **WHEREAS**, World AIDS Day is an important occasion, as it reminds the  
19 public and the government that HIV has not gone away- and that there is still a vital  
20 need to raise money, to increase awareness, to fight prejudice, and to improve  
21 HIV/AIDS education; and

22 **WHEREAS**, as part of Guam's and the international community's efforts to  
23 observe December 1 as World AIDS Day, West Care Pacific Islands, under the Guam  
24 HIV/AIDS Network Project, with the help of Guam's Alternative Lifestyle

1 Association (GALA), will be lighting torches at 6:00 p.m. at the historic Lujan House  
2 in *Hagåtña*;

3 **WHEREAS**, the West Care Pacific Islands belong to the West Care nationwide  
4 family of tax-exempt organizations that provide a wide spectrum of health and human  
5 services in both residential and outpatient environments to more than thirty thousand  
6 (30,000) youth, adults and families annually; and

7 **WHEREAS**, under the care of Ms. Kate Baltazar, West Care Pacific Islands  
8 also provides services, such as substance abuse and addiction treatment, homeless and  
9 runaway shelters, domestic violence treatment and prevention, and mental health  
10 programs; and

11 **WHEREAS**, West Care also provides prevention education and supportive  
12 group counseling for girls ages twelve (12) to seventeen (17) years old, through a  
13 program called *Project Isa-ta*; and

14 **WHEREAS**, *Project Isa-ta* aims to reduce the risk of contracting HIV/AIDS  
15 and STDs among our young girls, as well as to increase self-esteem and positive body  
16 image, and to educate them on abuse and violence; now therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*  
18 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
19 of Guam, commend and recognize the West Care Pacific Islands organization, the  
20 Guam HIV/AIDS Network (GUAHAN) Project, and Guam's Alternative Lifestyle  
21 Association (GALA) on the occasion of the Annual Torchlight Ceremony in honor of  
22 World AIDS Day on December 1, 2011, at the historic Lujan House in *Hagåtña*; and  
23 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 West Care Pacific Islands Executive Director  
4   Kate Baltazar; to GUAHAN Project; to GALA Executive Officer, Tim Dela Cruz; and  
5   to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

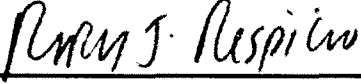
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF NOVEMBER 2011.**

  
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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES .**

**Acting Speaker**

  
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**RORY J. RESPICIO**

**Chairperson, Committee on Rules**

  
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**Acting Legislative Secretary**