MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2012 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 327-31 (LS)

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Relative to recognizing and commending the organizers and sponsors of the Sixth (6th) Annual Women Veterans Conference for the honorable contributions and dedicated effort they have made on behalf of women in our community, and the people of Guam; and in celebrating the month of March 2012 as "National Women's History Month".

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN

- 2 *GUÅHAN*:
- WHEREAS, on March 8, 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued a Presidential
- 4 Proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as the first "National Women's History
- 5 Week," honoring and recognizing the contributions of women throughout American

history; as they have played and continue to play a pivotal cultural, social, and economic role within our communities. This effort resulted in a national movement to continue to recognize the contributions of women nationally and internationally, which led to proclaiming the month of March as "National Women's History Month"; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has recognized that women of every race, class, and ethnic background have served as leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement, including the securing of rights of suffrage and equal opportunity for women, the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements seeking to create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has recognized that despite these contributions that have tremendously shaped the identity of our nation, the role of women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, thus each year a theme is developed to address the ways women continue to succeed in spite of such struggle; and

WHEREAS, to celebrate the 2012 "National Women's History Month," the Guam Vet Center, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Unique Pacific Resources, WestCare Pacific Islands, the Bureau of Women's Affairs; and the Guam Department of Labor are sponsoring the Sixth (6th) Annual Women Veterans Conference, with a primary goal of recognizing the contributions women veterans have made through their military service, and within their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Conference also seeks to provide current information regarding the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs services and benefits available to veterans and encouraging women veterans to utilize such existing services; to promote a greater understanding of women's issues by obtaining input from women veterans;

and to build resilience through better understanding of issues and promoting the unique role women have within our community; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend all women for their contributions to our island community on the celebration of the month of March 2012 as "National Women's History Month," and encourages all island residents to observe this special month by giving respect, recognition and admiration to all women for their historic contributions to the growth and strength of our island; and does further commend and congratulate the organizers of the Sixth (6th) Annual Women Veterans Conference for their foresight and continued commitment to recognizing the contributions women veterans have made for our island, our nation, and the world; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Vet Center; to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Bureau of Women's Affairs; to the Guam Department of Labor; to Unique Pacific Resources; to WestCare Pacific Islands; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA

LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2012.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.

Speaker

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