

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Resolution No. 352-31 (LS)

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Relative to commending the dedicated employees and volunteers who continue to work hard in community-based organizations and government agencies that provide critical support and assistance to crime victims, and to further recognizing April 22 to April 28, 2012, as “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week: Extending the Vision, Reach Every Victim.”

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÁHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS, the “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week” was declared in the**
4 **month of April thirty-two (32) years ago by President Ronald W. Reagan to help**

5 increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of victims and survivors
6 of crime; and

7 **WHEREAS**, during the “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week,” the people of
8 Guam and our nation acknowledge and reflect on the devastating impact of various
9 criminal acts against individuals, families, and communities. We also recognize the
10 many services and volunteer support programs that help to ensure that critical
11 resources and services are available to help crime victims begin rebuilding their lives;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, since 1981, crime victim assistance has grown to over ten
14 thousand (10,000) government and community-based programs, with more than
15 thirty-two thousand (32,000) federal and state statutes enacted to define and protect
16 the rights of crime victims and survivors; and

17 **WHEREAS**, on Guam, community-based organizations and government
18 agencies continue to provide services to crime victims and survivors. These
19 organizations include the Victim Witness *Ayuda* Services of the Office of the Attorney
20 General; the Guam Police Department’s Criminal Investigation Section and Victim
21 Assistance Unit; the Guam Fire Department; the Department of Corrections Parole
22 Services; the Guam Judiciary’s Marshal and Probation Divisions; the Catholic Social
23 Services, *Alee* Shelter; Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO); Erica’s House; the
24 Guam Legal Services Corporation; *Guma’ Mami*, Inc.; the Archdiocese of *Agaña*; the
25 Public Defender Service Corporation; the Department of Mental Health and Substance
26 Abuse, Healing Hearts Crisis Center; the Department of Public Health and Social
27 Services, Child and Adult Protective Services Divisions; Sanctuary, Inc.; the Sexual
28 Assault Victim Intervention Advocates; the Andersen Family Advocacy Program; the
29 Navy Family Advocacy Committee; the Superior Court of Guam, Client Services and

30 Family Counseling Division; the Department of Youth Affairs; the Governor's
31 Community Outreach Federal Programs Office; Mothers Against Drunk Driving
32 (MADD); the Office of the Public Guardian; Rainbows for All Children; the Family
33 Justice Center; and *Inafa' Maolek*; and

34 **WHEREAS**, despite the outstanding work of those involved in these
35 government and community-based organizations over the past thirty-one (31) years,
36 these entities continue to face challenges as they work to ensure that crime victims and
37 survivors are treated with dignity and respect, and are given the resources and support
38 critical to their recovery; now therefore, be it

39 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
40 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the dedicated employees
41 and volunteers who continue to work hard in community-based organizations and
42 government agencies that provide critical support and assistance to crime victims,
43 especially during the observance of “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week:
44 Extending the Vision, Reaching Every Victim” from April 22 to April 28, 2012; and
45 does further encourage the people of Guam to join the nation in honoring the victims
46 and survivors of crime, as our community helps to ensure that all crime victims and
47 survivors are afforded legal rights and support to deal with the financial, physical,
48 spiritual, psychological, and social impacts of crime; and be it further

49 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
50 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Victim
51 Witness *Ayuda* Services of the Office of the Attorney General; to the Guam Police
52 Department’s Criminal Investigation Section and Victim Assistance Unit; to the
53 Guam Fire Department; to the Department of Corrections Parole Services; to the
54 Guam Judiciary's Marshal and Probation Divisions; to the Catholic Social Service,
55 *Alee* Shelter; to Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO); to Erica's House; to the

56 Guam Legal Services Corporation; to *Guma' Mami*, Inc.; to the Archdiocese of
57 *Agaña*; to the Public Defender Service Corporation; to the Department of Mental
58 Health and Substance Abuse, Healing Hearts Crisis Center; to the Department of
59 Public Health and Social Services, Child and Adult Protective Services Divisions; to
60 Sanctuary, Inc.; to the Sexual Assault Victim Intervention Advocates; to the Andersen
61 Family Advocacy Program; to the Navy Family Advocacy Committee; to the Superior
62 Court of Guam, Client Services and Family Counseling Division; to the Department
63 of Youth Affairs; to the Governor's Community Outreach Federal Programs Office; to
64 Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD); to the Office of the Public Guardian; to
65 Rainbows for All Children; to the Family Justice Center; to *Inafa' Maolek*; and to the
66 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lalen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 13TH DAY OF MARCH 2012.



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Speaker



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