

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 368-31 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and commending the Judiciary of Guam, the U.S. District Court of Guam, and the Guam Bar Association for their outstanding dedication and commitment in the promotion and advocacy of justice and equality for the people of Guam; and to further extending *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to them for the tremendous service they provide to the island community as we join them in the celebration of Law Week 2012, from April 28 through May 5, 2012, and in the commemoration of the Fifty-Fourth (54th) Nationwide Anniversary of Law Day.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the American justice system is charged with upholding and
4 protecting the rights, freedom and justice of all Americans; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Law Day has been designated as a wonderful occasion for the
6 recognition and celebration of our nation's great heritage of liberty, justice and
7 equality under the law; and

8 **WHEREAS**, a viable and lively democracy requires the understanding of the
9 nature and basis of the freedom that every American citizen enjoys today, and the
10 acknowledgement of the tremendous responsibility each individual has in the
11 representation of these freedoms; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Law Day provides an opportunity to celebrate the U.S.
13 Constitution and the laws that protects our rights and liberties, and to recognize our
14 responsibility as individual citizens to uphold the values of a free and just society for
15 all; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in 1958, Law Day was established and proclaimed by President
17 Dwight D. Eisenhower, and was reaffirmed through a Joint Resolution by Members of
18 the U.S. Congress in 1961; and

19 **WHEREAS**, all citizens, both young and old, should understand their
20 individual rights and responsibilities under the law to become effective and active
21 participants in our nation's civil life, and positive contributors in society; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Law Day is celebrated annually on May 1st as a special day of
23 celebration by the people of Guam and the nation, to join in the appreciation of every
24 citizen's liberties, and to provide a unique time for reflection and dedication of the
25 ideals of equality and justice for all under the laws of the land; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the theme of Law Week 2012 is: “**No Courts, No Justice, No**
2 **Freedom**”;and it provides an opportunity to highlight the crucial role of our courts,
3 and to foster a better understanding of the judiciary and encourage individuals to
4 reflect upon their rights and liberties, and the formulation of laws that protect the
5 interests of the general public; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Law Week 2012 will provide the people of Guam and the legal
7 community with a chance to understand and appreciate the many challenges and
8 opportunities that have confronted the legal community in the past, and that continue
9 to confront the legal community today, and to consider the transformation of the
10 justice system and the many programs that continue to support the island community;
11 and

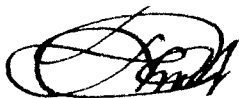
12 **WHEREAS**, during the course of Law Week 2012, and through the collective
13 efforts of the Guam Bar Association, the Judiciary of Guam, and the U.S. District
14 Court of Guam, numerous events and presentations have been scheduled that will
15 highlight the activities and services available within Guam’s legal community for the
16 benefit of Guam’s citizens, to include: Community Outreach Programs; the State of
17 the Judiciary Address; Local and Federal Courthouse Tours; the Swearing-in
18 Ceremony for newly admitted Guam Bar members; the Fairy Tale Mock Trials by our
19 island’s youth; the presentation of the *Hustisia* Award; the Naturalization Ceremony
20 and the Citizen Outreach Programs at the U.S. District Court of Guam; the Law Day
21 Art and Essay Contest; short seminars on a variety of topics, from domestic to
22 criminal matters, and the Law Fair at the Micronesia Mall; now therefore, be it

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules *I Mina’Trentai Unu Na*
24 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
25 of Guam, recognize and commend the Judiciary of Guam, the U.S. District Court of
26 Guam, and the Guam Bar Association for the tremendous service that our legal

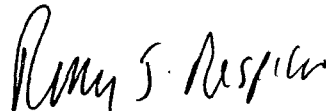
1 community has provided, and continues to provide to all the people of Guam; and
2 does further extend a warmhearted *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* and expresses
3 gratitude and appreciation to all our law practitioners, judges, and support personnel
4 within Guam's outstanding legal community, who continue to promote the proper and
5 timely enforcement and interpretation of the law, as the Guam community joins the
6 nation in the celebration of the Fifty-Fourth (54th) Year Anniversary of "Law Day" on
7 May 1, 2012, and in the commemoration of Law Week 2012, from April 27 to May 5,
8 2012, with the unique theme: "**No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom**"; and be it
9 further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
11 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
12 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable F. Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice,
13 Judiciary of Guam; to the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief Judge, U.S.
14 District Court of Guam; to the President of the Guam Bar Association; and to the
15 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.


**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES /
MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 26TH DAY OF
MARCH 2012.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
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