

***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2012 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 414-31 (COR)**

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**Relative to recognizing and commending the Department of Public Health and Social Services on the celebration of “Women’s Health Week”, with the theme, “*Kinemprendi Gi Puntan Salut Famalao’an Gi Ya Pasifiku*” (“Understanding Women’s Health Challenges in the Pacific”); and to further expressing the support of *I Liheslaturan Guahan*, and extending a warm *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’ase* to the women of Guam for the invaluable role they play in our society.**

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

1           **WHEREAS**, “National Women’s Health Week” was initiated in the dawn of  
2 the new millennium by a coalition of public and private organizations dedicated to  
3 raising awareness of women’s health issues; and since that time, “Women’s Health  
4 Week” has been observed in the spring, with the annual celebration held in the week  
5 following Mother’s Day, to fully recognize the important role that women play in the  
6 success of our island community; and

7           **WHEREAS**, “Women’s Health Week” is a celebration of women taking  
8 responsibility for their own health through greater knowledge and understanding; and  
9 in doing so, they also serve our community by passing this knowledge on to their  
10 children and the younger generation; and

11           **WHEREAS**, Guam’s health professionals continue to focus on promoting and  
12 encouraging prenatal smoking cessation as a way to impact premature births. In 2011,  
13 the number of women who smoked during the last three (3) months of their pregnancy  
14 went from two hundred fifty-six (256) to two hundred twenty-nine (229), an eight  
15 percent (8%) decrease; and

16           **WHEREAS**, fifty percent (50%) of pregnant women who gave birth in 2011  
17 met the WHO definition of adequate prenatal care (eight (8) or more prenatal visits).  
18 Sadly, this was a decrease of nineteen percent (19%) from 2010 data; and

19           **WHEREAS**, in 2010, forty-nine percent (49%) of the participants who  
20 answered the Guam Behavioral Risk Fact Surveillance System (BRFSS) were women.  
21 Approximately eighty percent (80%) of the women reported their general health as  
22 good, and seventy-five percent (75%) of the women had some form of health  
23 insurance; and

24           **WHEREAS**, a Pap smear test identifies cervical and/or vaginal cells that are  
25 cancerous or could be potentially pre-cancerous; and according to the 2010 Guam

1 BRFSS, sixty-seven percent (67%) of women over the age of eighteen (18) years had  
2 a Pap smear test within the past three (3) years; and

3 **WHEREAS**, a mammography is a specific type of imaging that uses a low-  
4 dose x-ray system to examine breasts, and is used to aid in the early detection and  
5 diagnosis of breast disease in women. According to the 2010 Guam BRFSS, sixty-  
6 four percent (64%) of women between the ages of forty (40) to forty-nine (49) years  
7 had a mammogram within the past two (2) years; and

8 **WHEREAS**, women of all backgrounds should be encouraged to greatly  
9 reduce their risk of common diseases through preventive measures, such as living a  
10 healthy lifestyle by engaging in regular physical activity, eating a nutritious diet, and  
11 visiting a healthcare provider to receive regular check-ups, and preventive screenings;  
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, disparities exist in the prevalence of disease among women of  
14 different backgrounds, including women with disabilities, and Asian and Pacific  
15 Islander women; and

16 **WHEREAS**, as we celebrate the extraordinary progress in women’s health  
17 issues, we recognize that more needs to be done to safeguard the health of women for  
18 generations to come through culturally and linguistically appropriate services.  
19 Women’s health remains a priority for families and communities, and our  
20 commitment to keeping women healthy is stronger than ever; and

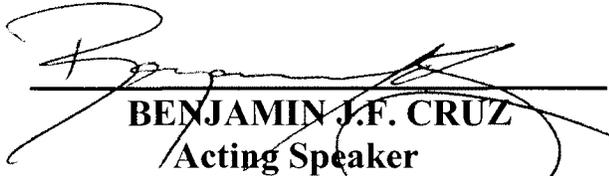
21 **WHEREAS**, on Guam, “Women’s Health Week” began with activities that  
22 included a Women’s Health Fair held at the Micronesia Mall on May 5, 2012, from  
23 10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m., and featured displays that focused on women’s health and a  
24 chronic health screening conducted by our partners in the community. May 13, 2012,  
25 Mother’s Day, is designated as the official start of “National Women’s Health Week”,  
26 and the week will culminate with our first-ever Women’s Health Conference on May

1 19, 2012, with the theme: “*Kinemprendi Gi Punton Salut Famalao’an Gi Ya*  
2 *Pasifiku*” (“Understanding Women’s Health Challenges in the Pacific”); and with the  
3 goal of empowering women to make their health a top priority; now therefore, be it

4         **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’Trentai Unu Na*  
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
6 of Guam, recognize and commend the Department of Public Health and Social  
7 Services’ Division of Public Health, the Chief Public Health Office, the Bureau of  
8 Family Health and Nursing Services, the DPHSS Employee’s Association, the Bureau  
9 of Community Health Services, the Guam Office of Minority Health, Live Healthy  
10 Guam, and WestCare for their invaluable services in support of the women of our  
11 island on the occasion of “Women’s Health Week” with the theme, “*Kinemprendi Gi*  
12 *Punton Salut Famalao’an Gi Ya Pasifiku*” (“Understanding Women’s Health  
13 Challenges in the Pacific”), which was made possible through their hard work; and  
14 does further extend a warm *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’* to them for their  
15 contributions to the community of Guam, and for working together in recognizing the  
16 women of our society; and be it further

17         **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
18 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
19 the same be thereafter transmitted to Margarita B. Gay, RN, MN, Administrator,  
20 Bureau of Family Health & Nursing Services; to Ms. Evangeline Manibusan, RN,  
21 WHNP, Community Health Nursing Supervisor II; to Ms. Diana Santos, BSW, Social  
22 Worker III; to Mr. Alex Silverio, Program Coordinator III, Guam Office of Minority  
23 Health; to Mr. Roy Candaso, Program Cordinator III, Project *Bisita*; to Mr. Frank  
24 Candaso, Community Program Aide II, Project *Bisita*; to Ms. Maggie Murphy Bell,  
25 Program Coordinator IV, Maternal and Child Health Program; and to the Honorable  
26 Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
MAY 2012.**

  
**BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**  
Acting Speaker

  
**RORY J. RESPICIO**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
**TINA ROSEMUÑA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary