

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Relative to recognizing and commending the 2012 “National Safe Boating Week” Guam Planning Committee for its continued efforts to raise awareness of boaters to always wear life jackets and practice safe boating habits; and to further encouraging the people of Guam to observe “Safe Boating Week”, during the week of May 19 to May 26, 2012.

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

3 **WHEREAS, Guam has been blessed with a vibrant ocean environment that**
4 **has provided many leisure opportunities for its people for generations, recreational**

1 boating having become one of the island's favorite ways to relax with family and
2 friends; and

3 **WHEREAS**, safe boating practices are extremely important to people who
4 live in Guam, and are also important to the thousands of visitors to our island,
5 because the lives of both boaters and non-boaters can be affected by accidents at
6 sea, with many precious lives having been needlessly lost over the years, and much
7 valuable property being damaged or destroyed, in boating, fishing, paddling, jet
8 skiing, and other accidents; and

9 **WHEREAS**, of particular concern in recent years have been the many
10 occurrences of boating accidents resulting from preventable causes, such as the
11 simple failure to wear life jackets, or the lack of even basic knowledge concerning
12 boating and marine safety, of which every boating participant should be aware; and

13 **WHEREAS**, to increase the level of safety, numerous government agencies,
14 private groups, and community organizations are involved in promoting safe
15 boating practices by educating vessel operators about ocean safety principles, and
16 by offering safe boating courses, conducting search and rescue missions,
17 examining boats for the presence of safety equipment, and participating in other
18 activities to keep Guam's waters safe; and

19 **WHEREAS**, each year, *National Safe Boating Week* is observed across the
20 United States and throughout its territories, to spread a message of boating safety
21 and to encourage boater education relative to safe boating practices, including:
22 knowing how to properly wear a life jacket; carrying proper safety equipment on
23 board a vessel, including a VHF radio or Emergency Position-Indicating Radio
24 Beacons (EPIRB's); obtaining boating safety education; and having a Vessel
25 Safety Check; now therefore, be it

26 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*

1 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
2 people of Guam, commend the 2012 “National Safe Boating Week” Guam
3 Planning Committee for its continuing efforts to raise awareness among boaters to
4 always wear life jackets and to practice safe boating habits; and does further
5 encourage the people of Guam to observe *National Safe Boating Week* during the
6 week of May 19 to May 26, 2012; and be it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
8 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
9 the same be thereafter transmitted to Gary Wayne Francis Gumataotao, District
10 Captain Prevention and Chairperson of the 2012 “National Safe Boating Week” Guam
11 Planning Committee; to Mr. Jack Ary, Flotilla Commander of the United States Coast
12 Guard Auxiliary; to Captain Casey White, Commandant of the United States Coast
13 Guard Marianas Section; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'laha*
14 *Guåhan*.

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


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