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

Resolution No. 484- 31 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing Fur-Ever Kinda Love, and all those organizations and individuals who have endeavored to put an end to the neglect, abuse, and homelessness of pet animals; and to further commending them for their collaborative efforts to increase awareness of the serious problem of homeless animals on our island of Guam, and supporting the declaration of August 18, 2012, as "Guam Homeless Animals Day".

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I* 2 *MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*: WHEREAS, the overpopulation of our Island's most popular pet animals, dogs and cats, results in the needless and untimely deaths of thousands of dogs, cats, kittens and puppies each year at the Animal Shelter, with thousands more dying of disease, starvation, or being hit by vehicles on the roads; and

5 WHEREAS, the taking of these innocent victims' lives forever leaves its mark 6 on the caring Animal Shelter personnel, who must perform the mass euthanasia of cats 7 and dogs each day to make room for the new arrivals; and

8 WHEREAS, the dog and cat overpopulation crisis can readily be solved, first, 9 by having dogs and cats spayed or neutered before their first litter; and secondly, by 10 adopting a pet from the shelter or rescue organization; and

WHEREAS, owners of pet dogs and cats who neglect to have their pets spayed or neutered are accountable to the taxpayers of Guam for the financial burden the community incurs as a direct result of the over-population crisis; and

14 WHEREAS, it is we humans who domesticated the dogs and cats, which now 15 depend on us; so therefore, it is our obligation to provide responsible, humane care for 16 them throughout their lives; now therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'Trentai Unu Na 18 Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people 19 of Guam, recognize Fur-Ever Kinda Love, and all those organizations and individuals who have endeavored to put an end to the neglect, abuse, and homelessness of pet 20 21 animals; does commend them for their collaborative efforts to increase awareness of 22 the serious problem of homeless animals on our island of Guam, and supports the 23 declaration of August 18, 2012, as "Guam Homeless Animals Day", entailed in this 24 important recognition; and does further call upon all owners of pet dogs and cats to accept responsibility for the care of their pets, to include having them spayed or 25

neutered to prevent the birth of animals destined to become homeless, unwanted, or
neglected; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter be transmitted to Ms. Carol Laughlin, Founder and President, Fur-Ever Kinda Love; to Ms. Carol Miller, Executive Director, Fur-Ever Kinda Love; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 17TH DAY OF AUGUST 2012.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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