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

Resolution No. 500-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the observance of September 2012 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" on Guam, in honor of all the families who have lost their loved ones, and the families who continue to battle through childhood cancer.

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

WHEREAS, every year, thousands of children across America are diagnosed
with cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, cancer is a life threatening illness that remains the leading cause

6 of death by disease for children seventeen (17) years old and younger; and

1 WHEREAS, this heartbreaking disease continues to scar families and 2 communities in a way that may never fully heal, despite the discovery of new 3 treatments; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the ongoing advances in research and treatment, in the
past ten (10) years the five (5)-year survival rate has increased from under fifty
percent (50%) to eighty percent (80%); and

WHEREAS, during "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month", we remember the
young lives that were taken too soon, we stand with the families who face childhood
cancer today, and we rededicate ourselves to combating this terrible illness;

WHEREAS, the objective of "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" is to put a spotlight on the types of cancer that largely affect children, and to help raise funds for research and family support; and

WHEREAS, families, caregivers, charities, and research groups across the
United States observe September as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month"; and

WHEREAS, this year, the people of Guam will observe September 2012 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" for the first time, in honor of all the loved ones lost, and the families who are battling through childhood cancer; now therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED,** that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na* 20 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people 21 of Guam, recognize the observance of September 2012 as "Childhood Cancer 22 Awareness Month" on Guam, in honor of all the loved ones lost, and the families 23 battling through childhood cancer; 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 transmitted to the American Cancer Society; to the parents of

- 1 Taylor Marie Rosario Cruz; to the parents of Caleb John Terlaje Cruz; to the parents
- 2 of Abigail Francesca Cruz; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga'lahen
- 3 Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2012.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. **RORY J. RESPICIO** Speaker **Chairperson, Committee on Rules** TINA RÔSE MUÑA BARNES **Legislative Secretary**