

I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 39-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

B.J.F. Cruz 

**RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
THE ORGANIZATION WESTCARE PACIFIC ISLANDS ON
THE OCCASION OF NATIONAL WOMEN AND GIRLS
HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY – MARCH 10, 2011.**

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

WHEREAS, National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
is a nationwide observance that encourages people to take action in the fight
against HIV/AIDS and raise awareness of its impact on women and girls;
and

WHEREAS, National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
is coordinated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office
on Women's Health (OWH); and

WHEREAS, National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
helps organizations across the country come together to offer support,
encourage discussion, and teach women and girls about prevention of HIV,
the importance of getting tested for HIV, and how to live with and manage
HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
is observed on March 10 every year with public awareness events held
throughout the month of March; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation, HIV/AIDS
2 affects nearly 280,000 women in the United States; and

3 **WHEREAS**, while men account for most HIV/AIDS cases, the
4 impact on women is growing and research shows that, when compared to
5 men, women face gaps in access and care; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the new Affordable Care Act and the National
7 HIV/AIDS Strategy will prohibit insurance plans from putting lifetime caps
8 on the dollar amount that they will spend on benefits, eliminating the risk of
9 losing access to care; and

10 **WHEREAS**, The Affordable Care Act will help those living with
11 HIV/AIDS be better able to afford their medications; and

12 **WHEREAS**, The National HIV/AIDS Strategy will help:

- 13 (a) Reduce the number of people who become infected with HIV;
14 (b) Increase access to care and optimize health outcomes for people
15 living with HIV; and
16 (c) Reduce HIV-related health disparities; and

17 **WHEREAS**, WestCare Pacific Islands has been awarded a five-year
18 federal grant from the Office on Women's Health to provide prevention
19 education and supportive group counseling for girls ages 12-17 through a
20 program called *Project Isa-ta*; and

21 **WHEREAS**, *Project Isa-ta* aims to reduce the risk of contracting
22 HIV/AIDS and STI's among our young girls, as well as to increase self
23 esteem and positive body image, educate them on abuse, violence and a host
24 of other topics; now, therefore, be it

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina' Trentai Unu*
26 *Na I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*

1 and the people of Guam, recognizes March 10, 2011 as National Women
2 and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee
4 on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof,
5 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to WestCare Pacific
6 Islands; Arthur San Agustin, the Director of the Department of Health and
7 Social Services; the National Association of Social Workers; the Guam
8 Coalition against Sexual Assault and Family Violence; Sanctuary Inc.;
9 Island Girl Power; the GUÅHAN Project; and the Honorable Eddie Baza
10 Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.