

I MINA 'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO CALLING ON THE PEOPLE OF GUAM TO JOIN THE NATION IN OBSERVING THE WEEK OF MAY 21 TO 27, 2011 AS "SAFE BOATING WEEK;" AND TO COMMENDING THE GUAM NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK ORGANIZING COMMITTEE 2011 FOR ITS CONTINUED EFFORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF BOATERS TO ALWAYS WEAR LIFE JACKETS AND TO PRACTICE SAFE BOATING HABITS.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Guam has been blessed with a vibrant ocean
4 environment that provides many leisure opportunities for its people, and
5 recreational boating has been a favorite way to relax with family and
6 friends for generations; and

7 **WHEREAS,** each year, and particularly in the past few months,
8 precious lives and valuable property have been needlessly lost in boating,
9 paddling and jet ski accidents, many of which resulted from a failure to

1 wear life jackets and a lack of basic knowledge of boating and ocean safety;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, safe boating practices are extremely important to
4 everyone in Guam, because the lives and well-being of both boaters and
5 non-boaters can be affected by accidents on the water; and

6 **WHEREAS**, numerous government agencies, private groups, and
7 community organizations promote safe boating practices in an effort to
8 educate vessel operators about ocean safety principles by offering safe
9 boating courses, conducting search and rescue missions, examining boats
10 for safety equipment, and participating in other activities to keep boaters
11 safe in Guam's waters; and

12 **WHEREAS**, each year, "National Safe Boating Week" is observed
13 across the country and also in Guam, spreading a message of boating
14 safety and encouraging boater education and safe boating practices,
15 including knowing how to properly wear a life jacket, carrying proper
16 safety equipment on board a vessel to include a VHF radio or emergency
17 position-indicating radio beacons, learning boating safety, and having a
18 Vessel Safety Check; now, therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina' Trentai Unu Na*
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
3 people of Guam, encourage the people of Guam to join the nation in
4 observing the week of May 21 to 27, 2011 as “National Safe Boating Week”;
5 and does hereby commend the Guam National Safe Boating Week
6 Organizing Committee 2011 for its continued efforts to raise awareness
7 among boaters to always wear life jackets and practice safe boating habits;
8 and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee
10 on Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
11 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Gary
12 Wayne Francis Gumataotao, Division Commander and Chairperson of the
13 Guam National Safe Boating Week Organizing Committee 2011 to Mr. Jack
14 Ary, Flotilla Commander of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary; to
15 Captain Thomas Sparks, Commander of the United States Coast Guard
16 Marianas Section; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam’s
17 Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Edward Baza
18 Calvo, *I Maga’Låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS
____ DAY OF APRIL 2011.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary