

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Introduced by

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Relative to recognizing and commending Pay-Less Supermarkets for inspiring efforts in their Go Green Campaign and their launch of M0B: Mission Zero Bags in their attempt to preserve and improve Guam, and encouraging social responsibility and environmental stewardship.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1998, Pay-Less Supermarkets established the “Pay-Less
4 Goes Green” campaign to fulfill their social responsibility to the land and people of
5 Guam; and

6 **WHEREAS**, since 1998, Pay-Less has equipped many of their stores with
7 energy efficient equipment, bailed over 600 tons of cardboard annually,
8 implemented recycling bins at Mangilao Pay-Less, donated damaged produce and
9 shredded paper to local farmers for feed and composting, utilized electronic
10 invoicing and supported many other Go Green efforts; and

11 **WHEREAS**, on February 28, 2008, Pay-Less reintroduced a program to get
12 reusable shopping bags and started distributing only biodegradable plastic bags;
13 and

1 **WHEREAS**, while these bags were a better alternative, it still can have
2 some harmful effects on our environment, when not properly disposed, plastic bags
3 can clog storm drains causing flooding, litter Guam's beautiful beaches and kill
4 aquatic animals; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 2011, Pay-Less along with its community partners, realized
6 that there is an issue that can be addressed on island and is another way to better
7 the environment and the planning for M0B began; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Recycling Association of Guam estimates that Guam
9 consumers use over 40 million plastic bags annually, Payless issues out
10 approximately 11,361,000 bags a year, as the largest provider of plastic bags on
11 Guam, Pay-Less acknowledges a social responsibility to encourage the public to
12 develop habits to protect our island's environment; and

13 **WHEREAS**, on the same launch day as M0B, Pay-Less Supermarket
14 branches will also be placing recycling bins for aluminum cans and plastic bottles,
15 further providing customers the convenience; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Mission Zero Bags (M0B) Campaign will be launched on
17 Wednesday, January 25th, 2012 and will continue every third (3rd) and fourth (4th)
18 Wednesday of the month until August 2012, which will then be every Wednesday;
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, during a M0B day, Pay-Less will not provide any plastic or
21 brown bags, in an effort to encourage customers to use reusable bags when
22 shopping at their stores, anyone requesting a brown paper bag will be charged five
23 cents per bag with all proceeds from the bag fees to go towards the Community
24 Mini-Grant program specifically for schools or non-profit organizations with a
25 green initiative; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in commending Pay-Less Supermarkets, we hope to also make
2 them an example for local businesses on-island and encourage that they follow suit
3 on taking steps to preserve and better the island of Guam and its people; and

4 **WHEREAS**, it is our responsibility as an island community, as the stewards
5 of Guam, to ensure the preservation of the island's environment and sustainability;
6 and

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina trenta I Uno Na*
8 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and
9 commend Pay-Less Supermarkets for their efforts with Pay-Less Go Green and
10 M0B: Mission Zero Bags Campaign in their attempt to preserve and improve
11 Guam, and in displaying social responsibility and taking on the role as an
12 environmental steward and be it further.

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Committee on Rules
14 certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that
15 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Kathy Sgro, Pay-Less
16 Supermarkets and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahan Guahan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON
RULES OF I MINA'TRENTA I UNO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON
THIS _____ DAY OF JANUARY 2012.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary