## I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2012 (SECOND) REGULAR SESSION

Resolution No. 368-31 (COP)

Introduced By:

Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr.,

Relative to recognizing and commending the Judiciary of Guam, the U.S. District Court of Guam, and the Guam Bar Association for their outstanding dedication and commitment in the promotion and advocacy of justice and equality for the people of Guam; and to further extend a "Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase" for the tremendous service they provide to the island community as we join them in the celebration of Law Week 2012, from April 28th through May 5th, 2012, and the commemoration of the Fifty Fourth (54th) Nationwide Anniversary of Law Day.

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

- 1 WHEREAS, the American justice system is charged with upholding and
- 2 protecting the rights, freedom and justice of all Americans; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Law Day has been designated as a wonderful occasion for the
- 4 recognition and celebration of our nation's great heritage of liberty, justice and equality
- 5 under the law: and
- 6 WHEREAS, a viable and lively democracy requires the understanding of the
- 7 nature and basis of the freedom that every American citizen enjoys today, and the

acknowledgement of the tremendous responsibility each individual has in the representation of these freedoms; and

WHEREAS, Law day provides an opportunity to celebrate the U.S. Constitution and the laws that protects our rights and liberties, and to recognize our responsibility as individual citizens to uphold the values of a free and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Law day was established and proclaimed by President

Dwight D. Eisenhower, and was reaffirmed through a Joint Resolution by Members of
the U.S. Congress in 1961; and

WHEREAS, all citizens, both young and old, should understand their individual rights and responsibilities under the law to become effective and active participants in our nation's civil life, and positive contributors in society; and

WHEREAS, Law day is celebrated annually on May 1st as a special day of celebration by the people of Guam and the nation, to join in the appreciation of every citizen's liberties, and to provide a unique time for reflection and dedication of the ideals of equality and justice for all under the laws of the land; and

WHEREAS, the theme of Law Week 2012 is "No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom", provides an opportunity to highlight the crucial role of our courts and to foster a better understanding of the judiciary and encourage individuals to reflect upon their rights and liberties, and the formulation of laws that protect the interest of the general public; and

WHEREAS, Law Week 2012 will provide the people of Guam and the legal community with a chance to understand and appreciate the many challenges and opportunities that have confronted the legal community in the past, and that continue to confront the legal community today, and to consider the transformation of the justice system and the many programs that continue to support the island community; and

WHEREAS, during the course of Law Week 2012, and through the collective efforts of the Guam Bar Association, the Judiciary of Guam, and the U.S. District Court of Guam, numerous events and presentations have been scheduled that will highlight the activities and services available within Guam's legal community for the benefit of Guam's citizens, to include: Community Outreach Programs; the State of the Judiciary Address; Local and Federal Courthouse Tours; the Swearing-in Ceremony for newly admitted Guam Bar members; the Fairy Tale Mock Trials by or island's youth; the presentation of the Hustisia Award; the Naturalization Ceremony and the Citizen Outreach Programs at the U.S. District Court of Guam; the Law Day Art and Essay Contest; short seminars on a variety of topics from domestic to criminal matters and the Law Fair at the Micronesia Mall; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, recognize and commend the Judiciary of Guam, the U.S. District Court of Guam, and the Guam

Bar Association for the tremendous service that our legal community has provided, and continues to provide to all the people of Guam; and does further extend a warmhearted *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma' ase'* and expresses gratitude and appreciation to all our law practitioners, judges, and support personnel within Guam's outstanding legal community, who continue to promote the proper and timely enforcement and interpretation of the law, and as the Guam community joins the nation in the national celebration of the Fifty Fourth (54th) Anniversary of "Law day" on May 1st, 2012, and in commemoration of Law Week 2012. From April 27th to May 5th, 2012, with the unique theme of "No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee of Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable F. Phillip Carbullido, Chief Justice, Judiciary of Guam; to the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court of Guam; to the President of the Guam Bar Association; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU

NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 27th DAY OF APRIL 2012.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES Legislative Secretary



## COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY

I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

## SENATOR ADOLPHO B. PALACIOS, SR.

Chairman

March 30, 2012

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

All Senators

Clerk of the Legislature

FROM:

Senator Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr. M

SUBJECT:

Resolution Presentation.

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Resolution No. 368-36 (Cop): "Relative to recognizing and commending the Judiciary of Guam, the U.S. District Court of Guam, and the Guam Bar Association for their outstanding dedication and commitment in the promotion and advocacy of justice and equality for the people of Guam; and to further extend a "Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase" for the tremendous service they provide to the island community as we join them in the celebration of Law Week 2012, from April 28th through May 5th, 2012, and the commemoration of the Fifty Fourth (54th) Nationwide Anniversary of Law Day."

The presentation of this resolution is scheduled for Friday, April 27, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Justice Monessa G. Lujan Appellate Courtroom of the Guam Judicial Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. Si Yu'us Ma'ase!