

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 423-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to calling on the people of Guam to observe the week of May 19 to 26, 2012, hereby declared to be "Safe Boating Week," and to commending the Guam Safe Boating 2012 Planning Committee for its continued efforts to raise awareness of boaters to always wear life jackets and practice safe boating habits.

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

3 WHEREAS, Guam has been blessed with a vibrant ocean
4 environment that has provided many leisure opportunities for its people
5 for generations, recreational boating having become one of the island's
6 favorite ways to relax with family and friends; and

7 WHEREAS, safe boating practices are extremely important to
8 people who live in Guam, and are also important to the thousands of
9 visitors to our island, because the lives of both boaters and non-boaters
10 can be affected by accidents at sea, with many precious lives having
11 been needlessly lost over the years, and much valuable property being
12 damaged or destroyed, in boating, fishing, paddling, jet skiing and other
13 accidents; and

1 **WHEREAS**, of particular concern in recent years have been the
2 many occurrences of boating accidents resulting from preventable
3 causes, such as the simple failure to wear life jackets, or the lack of even
4 basic knowledge concerning boating and marine safety, of which every
5 boating participant should be aware; and

6 **WHEREAS**, to increase the level of safety, numerous government
7 agencies, private groups, and community organizations are involved in
8 promoting safe boating practices by educating vessel operators about
9 ocean safety principles, and by offering safe boating courses, conducting
10 search and rescue missions, examining boats for the presence of safety
11 equipment, and participating in other activities to keep Guam's waters
12 safe; and

13 **WHEREAS**, each year, *National Safe Boating Week* is observed
14 across the United States and throughout its territories, to spread a
15 message of boating safety and to encourage boater education relative to
16 safe boating practices, including: knowing how to properly wear a life
17 jacket; carrying proper safety equipment on board a vessel, including a
18 VHF radio or Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRB's);
19 obtaining boating safety education; and having a Vessel Safety Check;
20 now, therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina' Trentai Unu*
22 *Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam,
23 declare the week of May 19 to 26, 2012, to be *National Safe Boating Week*;
24 and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina' Trentai Unu*
2 *Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam,
3 commend the Guam Safe Boating 2012 Planning Committee for its
4 continuing efforts to raise awareness among boaters to always wear life
5 jackets and to practice safe boating habits; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the
7 Committee on Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attests
8 to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
9 transmitted to Gary Wayne Francis Gumataotao, District Captain -
10 Prevention and Chairperson of the 2012 “National Safe Boating Week”
11 Guam Planning Committee; to Mr. Jack Ary, Flotilla Commander of the
12 United States Coast Guard Auxiliary; to Captain Casey White,
13 Commandant of the United States Coast Guard Marianas Section; and to
14 the Honorable Edward Baza Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON
RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
ON THIS ____ DAY OF MAY, 2012.**

JUDITH T. WON-PAT, Ed,D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary