

*I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
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Resolution No. 484 -31 (COR)

Introduced by:

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**Relative to recognizing the serious problem of homeless animals in our island of Guam and supporting the declaration of August 18, 2012 as GUAM HOMELESS ANIMALS DAY in a collaborative effort with Fur-Ever Kinda Love to increase awareness, commend all those who have endeavored to put an end to the neglect, abuse and animal homelessness.**

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

3           **WHEREAS**, the overpopulation of our Island's most popular animals, dogs and cats  
4 results in the needless and untimely deaths of thousands of dogs, cats, kittens and puppies each  
5 year at the Animal Shelter with thousands more dying of disease, starvation or on the roads; and

6           **WHEREAS**, the taking of these innocent victims' lives forever leaves its mark on the  
7 caring shelter personnel who must perform the mass euthanasia of cats and dogs each day to  
8 make room for the new arrivals; and

9           **WHEREAS**, the dog and cat overpopulation crisis can readily be solved, first by having  
10 dogs and cats spayed or neutered before their first litter and secondly by adopting a pet from the  
11 shelter or rescue organization; and

12           **WHEREAS**, dog and cat pet parents who neglect to have their pets spayed or neutered  
13 are accountable to the taxpayers on Guam for the financial burden the community incurs as a  
14 direct result of the over-population crisis; and

15           **WHEREAS**, it is humans who domesticated the dogs and cats, which now depend on us;  
16 therefore, it is our obligation to provide responsible, humane care for them throughout their life;  
17 and now therefore, be it

1           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan*  
2 *Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize and  
3 commend the efforts by organizations and individuals entailed in this important recognition; and  
4 be it further

5           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* calls upon all dog and  
6 cat pet parents to accept responsibility for the care of their dogs and cats, including having them  
7 spayed or neutered to prevent the birth of animals destined to be homeless, unwanted, neglected;  
8 and

9           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify,  
10 and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
11 thereafter be transmitted to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the  
12 United States Congress; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I  
MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE \_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
2012.**

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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D.**  
Speaker

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**RORY J. RESPICIO**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Secretary of the Legislature