

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the month of October,
2012, as Guam Bullying Prevention Month,
and to address this serious issue that affects
youth and families in our community, in
conjunction with (BPAG) the Bullying
Prevention Advisory Group.

BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN*
GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognizes that
bullying has grown to become a serious issue in Guam, greatly affecting the
safety and well-being of youth and families in our island community; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to address bullying, cyberbullying, sexting,
youth violence, and other related issues within the schools and our
community, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* has joined the efforts put into motion by the
Judiciary, the Department of Education (DOE), and other organizations, to
ensure that students, parents, families, school personnel, youth service
providers and professionals, raise awareness and understanding of bullying
and violence prevention; and

WHEREAS, through this partnership, beginning with the Judiciary and
DOE, and including *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, the Bullying Prevention Advisory

1 Group (BPAG) was formed in July of 2011 to bring together and coordinate
2 the efforts of people, groups and agencies to prevent, intervene, and stop
3 bullying and violence in Guam; and

4 **WHEREAS**, through the BPAG, Guam students have helped to create a
5 unifying theme in our community that they have entitled “DUO: Do Unto
6 Others – A Partnership Against Bullying,” in recognition of the fact that we
7 must all live by the Golden Rule, and treat others with the kindness and
8 respect we each deserve; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the BPAG is comprised of the Offices of Speaker Judith T.
10 Won Pat, Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Legislative Secretary Tina Rose
11 Muña Barnes, Majority Leader Rory J. Respicio, Senator Aline A. Yamashita,
12 Senator Thomas C. Ada, Senator Judith P. Guthertz, Senator Vicente C.
13 Pangelinan, and Senator Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr., all members of *I Liheslaturan*
14 *Guåhan*; the Judiciary of Guam; the Guam Department of Education; the Office
15 of the Governor; the Office of the First Lady; the Office of the Lieutenant
16 Governor; *I Famagu'on-ta*; the District Court of Guam; the Office of the
17 Attorney General; the United States Attorney’s Office; the Department of
18 Mental Health and Substance Abuse; the Guam Bar Association; the
19 University of Guam; the Guam Community College; the Department of Youth
20 Affairs; the Guam Police Department; Sanctuary Incorporated of Guam;
21 Inafa’Maolek; Office of the Superintendent of Catholic Schools; Bishop
22 Baumgartner Catholic School; St. Anthony Catholic School; Father Duenas
23 Memorial School; San Vicente Catholic School; Guam Evangelical Christian
24 Academy; DISID; Harvest Christian Academy; St. Paul Christian School; St.

1 John's School; the Guam Anti-Bullying Organization; Guam Girl Scouts;
2 Guam Youth Congress, and the Guam National Guard Counter Drug Task
3 Force; now, therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of
5 the people of Guam, does hereby recognize the month of October, 2012, as
6 "Guam Bullying Prevention Month;" and be it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of
8 Guam, does hereby urge the people of Guam to take advantage of this full
9 month of efforts directed at raising awareness and understanding of bullying
10 and violence prevention; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of
12 Guam, does hereby urge students, parents, families, school personnel, youth
13 service providers and professionals, to engage in those activities made
14 available by the BPAG, with the goal of recognizing that bullying is a
15 behavior that contributes considerably to the growth and escalation of
16 violence in our community. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* pledges its support for
17 BPAG's efforts at helping all citizens learn that we each have a role to play in
18 promoting positive social behaviors to prevent bullying and violence in Guam
19 and be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
21 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be hereafter
22 transmitted to the members of BPAG, specifically to the Judiciary of Guam;
23 the Guam Department of Education; the Office of the Governor; the Office of
24 the First Lady; the Office of the Lieutenant Governor; *I Famagu'on-ta*; the

1 District Court of Guam; the Office of the Attorney General; the United States
2 Attorney's Office; the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; the
3 Guam Bar Association; the University of Guam; the Guam Community
4 College; the Department of Youth Affairs; the Guam Police Department;
5 Sanctuary Incorporated of Guam; *Inafa'Maolek*; Office of the Superintendent of
6 Catholic Schools; Bishop Baumgartner Catholic School; St. Anthony Catholic
7 School; Father Duenas Memorial School; San Vicente Catholic School; Guam
8 Evangelical Christian Academy; DISID; Harvest Christian Academy; St. Paul
9 Christian School; St. John's School; the Guam Anti-Bullying Organization;
10 Guam Girl Scouts; Guam Youth Congress, the Guam National Guard Counter
11 Drug Task Force, and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen*
12 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS _____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012.**