

**IMINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN**  
**2012 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. ~~530~~-31 (COR)**

**Introduced by:**

**R. J. Respicio**

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Relative to recognizing the month of October, 2012, as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; to honor those individuals who have lost their lives to breast cancer; to celebrate those who have survived the disease; to acknowledge the efforts of Guam Cancer Care and Guam Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program and their conducting of the "Get Your Pink On" Breast Cancer Awareness Health Fair at the Micronesia Mall on Sunday, October 14, 2012, to increase public awareness, and to pledge to continue to combat this terrible illness.

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

3           **WHEREAS,** President Barack Obama has proclaimed October  
4           2012 to be National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and to  
5           encourage citizens, government agencies, private businesses,  
6           nonprofit organizations, and all other interested groups to join in  
7           activities that will increase awareness of what Americans can do to  
8           prevent breast cancer; and

9           **WHEREAS,** breast cancer strikes women (and a few men) of all  
10          backgrounds, races, ethnicities and ages, and is the leading cause of  
11          cancer deaths among all women under the age of 45; and

1           **WHEREAS**, breast cancer in young women is more aggressive,  
2           and any delays in diagnosis and treatment can have serious  
3           consequences, many of which could be countered by breast cancer  
4           education and awareness; and

5           **WHEREAS**, young women faced with breast cancer have  
6           unique challenges since they are in their prime childbearing years  
7           and may need fertility counseling, family counseling, genetic  
8           counseling, and social and psychological support; and

9           **WHEREAS**, in 2012, the American Cancer Society (ACS) has  
10          estimated that there will be about 226,870 new cases of invasive  
11          breast cancer in women in the United States; and

12          **WHEREAS**, the ACS also estimates that about 63,000 new cases  
13          of CIS (carcinoma in situ) will be found, which is the non-invasive,  
14          earliest form of breast cancer; and the ACS also estimates that about  
15          39,510 deaths from breast cancer in women will occur in the United  
16          States in 2012; and

17          **WHEREAS**, older women, and those who have a personal or  
18          family history of breast cancer, are among those at greatest risk of  
19          developing the illness, and early detection is key in the fight against  
20          the disease; and

21          **WHEREAS**, screening mammograms can help detect breast  
22          cancer in its early stages, and persons of both sexes should speak  
23          with their health care providers about this disease to learn more  
24          about symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment; and

25          **WHEREAS**, Terry Cuabo and Chalorna Frieitas Lauron from  
26          Guam Cancer Care, together with the staff of the Guam Breast &

1 Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, including Annabelle  
2 Estrada, Venancio Imanil, Rachel Ramirez, Dr. Suzanne Sison, and  
3 Roselie Zabala, will be conducting a “Get Your Pink On” Breast  
4 Cancer Awareness Health Fair at the Center Court of the Micronesia  
5 Mall from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012, to promote  
6 increased breast cancer awareness in Guam; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Health Fair will feature speakers, provide  
8 breast cancer risk assessment tests, blood pressure and glucose tests,  
9 schedule mammogram appointments, and give away raffle prizes,  
10 including an executive medical check-up in the Philippines, including  
11 airfare, and provide free mammograms based on the Early Detection  
12 Program’s criteria, now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*,  
14 on behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby recognize October,  
15 2012, to be National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Guam; and  
16 be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that women should make an effort this month to  
18 see their health care provider about a mammogram if they have not  
19 done so recently, because delays in diagnosis and treatment can have  
20 serious consequences, many of which could be countered through  
21 breast cancer education and awareness; and be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
23 does hereby encourage all residents, businesses, agencies,  
24 organizations, groups and individuals to join in activities that will  
25 increase awareness of what can be done to prevent breast cancer,  
26 such as this Breast Cancer Awareness Health Fair; and be it further

1           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the  
2     Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,  
3     the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter  
4     transmitted to Terry Cuabo and Chalorna Frieitas Lauron of Guam  
5     Cancer Care; to Annabelle Estrada, Venancio Imanil, Rachel Ramirez,  
6     Dr. Suzanne Sison, and Roselie Zabala, the staff of the Guam Breast &  
7     Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program; and to the Honorable  
8     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  
THIS     DAY OF OCTOBER, 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**  
Legislative Secretary