

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2012(SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 588-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and commending the selfless deeds of the Guam Homeless Coalition and extending a warm and sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for the invaluable efforts of the officers who have tirelessly served our island community during their time of office.

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

WHEREAS, the Guam Homeless Coalition was created with the mission to
stay committed to the provision of housing and supportive services for individuals
and families who become homeless; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Homeless Coalition believes and recognizes that
quality housing should be tailored to meet the needs of the homeless individual and
families; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the Guam Homeless Coalition is to ensure that
homeless individuals and families regain housing stability through the expansion

1 and implementation of a comprehensive community based housing delivery system
2 to prevent and end homelessness; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the organization carries out its vision by coordinating and/or
4 integrating homeless-related programs for smooth transition throughout our
5 continuum of care system; implementing an effective and efficient delivery system
6 of services to prevent homelessness and to move homeless families into permanent
7 housing; developing an accessible and comprehensive system which receives
8 individuals and families in need of care and moves them through a system toward
9 independent living and sustainability; and developing strong homeless programs
10 and services with sustainable links; and

11 **WHEREAS**, to address the growing demand for homeless services, the
12 Guam Homeless Coalition and GHURA, the lead agency in the Guam Homeless
13 Coalition searched for and applied for funding; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in December 2000 Guam became the first U.S. territory to
15 receive Continuum of Care funds for the homeless from the U.S. Department of
16 Housing and Urban Development to implement new shelter programs for the
17 homeless; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Homeless Coalition is comprised of government
19 agencies, non-profit organizations and private sector that come together for the

1 purpose of responding to the needs of homeless youth, families, and single adults;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, members include the organizations that operate shelters for
4 homeless youth, families, and single adults and mainstream agencies that provide
5 supportive services; and

6 **WHEREAS**, with the help of these members, the Guam Homeless Coalition
7 has been able to make a significant impact on the island community by addressing
8 the issue of homelessness; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the organization conducts various activities and sponsors
10 programs to help combat homelessness. These shelter providers and member
11 organizations include Catholic Social Services, The Salvation Army, Oasis
12 Empowerment Center, Life in the Son, Guma Mami', Sanctuary Incorporated,
13 Westcare, Department of Public Health and Social Services, Department of Mental
14 Health and Substance Abuse, Department of Labor, University of Guam School of
15 Nursing, Veteran's Affairs, OXYGENE, and Calvo's Select Care; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Coalition has accomplished many goals throughout their
17 existence through the hard work of each officers and members. Among these
18 accomplishments include, worked to achieved a Non-Profit status during the 2011
19 administration, established a bank account for the coalition for future outreach

1 projects, acquiring two (2) grants for permanent supportive program for the
2 homeless; and

3 **WHEREAS**, during the Point-in-Time count, results suggested that the
4 homeless count on Guam in year 2011 went down from 1,791 to 1,548 in the year
5 2012, part of which is attributed to the coalition's assistance to direct homeless to
6 shelters, transfer them to permanent housing through GHURA and provide skills
7 and employment to able-bodied individuals through the partnership with
8 Department of Labor; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Coalition has created awareness and education to the
10 public regarding the situation in the island and encouraged the involvement of the
11 Guam Community College, University of Guam and Mariacy Beauty Academy
12 through various outreach programs. In addition, the Guam Homeless Coalition
13 does not receive any type of grant to conduct outreach programs and depend on the
14 assistance contributed by private organizations who have agreed to be partners
15 with the coalition's advocacy;

16 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Homeless Coalition has founded the Annual Benefit
17 Gala to create a funding source for the Guam Homeless Coalition. This year marks
18 the second year of an eventful cause to support the mission of the Guam Homeless
19 Coalition; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Homeless Coalition takes a lead role in the annual
2 homeless count around the island to collect data that is used by homeless service
3 providers, the community and policymakers in developing programs and facilities
4 to assist and benefit our homeless population; and now, therefore be it

5 **RESOLVED**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize
6 and commend the selfless deeds of the Guam Homeless Coalition and extending a
7 warm and sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the invaluable efforts of
8 the officers who have tirelessly served our island community during their time of
9 office; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Committee on Rules
11 certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that
12 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Shelly Calvo, Chairwoman; Juan
13 Trinidad, Vice-Chairman; Lou Hongyee, Secretary; Frankie Lake, Treasurer; Amor
14 Say, Adviser; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 1st
DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2012.**

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Speaker

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Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary