

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Resolutions Log Sheet

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238-32 (COR)	FRANK B. AGUON, JR.	Relative to recognizing and commending the members of the "Family Violence Awareness Month" Task Force, and Guam's practitioners and advocates, for their efforts in helping to raise awareness, and for their tireless support of the victims of family violence; and to further extend Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to these individuals and organizations for the significant contributions they have made, and continue to make, to eliminate the crime of family violence as we commemorate the month of October 2013 as "Family Violence Awareness Month".	9/27/13 5:03 p.m.	10/4/13 4:00 P.M. 9 copies			10/02/13

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 238-32 (COR)

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

1 **WHEREAS**, family violence, whether physical, sexual, emotional or verbal in
2 nature, and directed against a person who is the abuser’s intimate partner, relative or
3 friend, affects any person regardless of age, sexual orientation, physical ability,
4 marital status, ethnicity, culture, education, religion, or economic status; and

5 **WHEREAS**, research highlights that children in homes where abuse among
6 adults occurs are often neglected at a higher rate than the national average, and studies
7 further show that children from violent homes have a higher risk of alcohol or drug
8 abuse, and juvenile delinquency; they are six (6) times more likely to commit suicide;
9 twenty-four (24) times more likely to commit sexual assault crimes; and fifty (50)
10 times more likely to abuse drugs or alcohol; stressing that children from abusive
11 homes carry these terrible experiences of violence with them into adulthood, and into
12 the next generation; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 2012, Guam Police Department statistics show that there were
14 four hundred twenty-four (424) violent crimes/family violence related arrests. Of that
15 number, four hundred five (405) arrests involved offenses against the family and
16 children; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in 2012, the Superior Court of Guam, Courts and Ministerial
18 Division, reported three hundred eighty-eight (388) combined cases of felony and
19 misdemeanor family violence, one hundred (100) combined cases of felony and
20 misdemeanor criminal sexual conduct, and one hundred thirty-seven (137) protection
21 orders filed; which amount to six hundred twenty-five (625) newly opened and active
22 cases within the Probation Services Division, and a grand total of nine hundred sixty
23 (960) defendants under Probation’s supervision by the end of 2012; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in 2012, the *Alee* Shelter, the Department of Corrections’ Parole
25 Services Division, Erica’s House, the Guam Police Department’s Victim Assistance
26 Unit (VAU), the Public Defender Service Corporation, the Office of the Attorney

1 General's Victim Witness *Ayuda* Services (VWAS), the Judiciary of Guam, and
2 Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO) have provided one thousand one hundred
3 seventy-seven (1177) victims with direct services, and have facilitated additional
4 referrals to other service providers; and

5 **WHEREAS**, family violence is often ignored and tolerated by society, leaving
6 many victims to feel isolated, ashamed, and even responsible for the abuse, often
7 blaming themselves; with many men and women being reluctant to admit to the
8 incidence of family violence; and who often have trouble seeking help beyond their
9 families. This problem leads some experts to believe that the actual prevalence of
10 family violence is much higher than the statistics indicate; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Family Violence and Sexual Assault practitioners and
12 advocates, the STOP Violence Against Women sub grantees, government and non-
13 government organizations, faith-based organizations, and other community partners
14 have joined forces to directly and collectively confront this family violence crises.
15 These community organizations include the following: *Alee* Shelter – Catholic Social
16 Service; Andersen Family Support Services – Fleet and Family Support Services; the
17 Archdiocese of *Agaña*; the Office of the Attorney General – Crime Victim Response
18 Unit; the Department of Corrections – Parole Division/Training; the Guam
19 Department of Education; the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center –
20 Healing Hearts Crisis Center; the Department of Public Health and Social Services;
21 the Department of Youth Affairs; Erica's House – Visitation Center; the Governor's
22 Community Outreach - Federal Programs Office; the Guam Housing and Urban
23 Renewal Authority; the Guam Police Department – Victim Assistance Unit;
24 *Guma'Mami*, Inc.; *Inafa'maolek*; the Mayors' Council of Guam; Guam's Media;
25 Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD); the Public Defender Service Corporation;
26 the Guam Judiciary – the Superior Court of Guam Family Violence Court, the Judicial

1 Council, and the Superior Court of Guam Probation and Marshals Divisions;
2 Sanctuary, Inc.; the University of Guam; and the Victim Advocates Reaching Out
3 (VARO); and

4 **WHEREAS**, the incredible effort, compassion, and untiring dedication of these
5 volunteers, professionals, and organizations in addressing family violence on Guam
6 deserve recognition and support by our entire community; now therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na*
8 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
9 of Guam, recognize and commend the Family Violence Task Force Members on the
10 observance of October 2013 as "Family Violence Awareness Month"; and does
11 further extend a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the numerous advocates
12 and organizations for its efforts in raising awareness of family violence and its tireless
13 support of victims of family violence, and encourage the people of Guam to actively
14 unite in the elimination of family violence, which continues to impact the lives of
15 many of Guam's children and families; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
17 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
18 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable F. Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice,
19 Supreme Court of Guam; to the Honorable Alberto Lamorena, Presiding Judge,
20 Superior Court of Guam; to the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief Judge,
21 U.S. District Court of Guam; to the Honorable Michael J. Bordallo, Judge, Superior
22 Court of Guam Family Violence Court; to the Honorable Leonard M. Rapadas,
23 Attorney General of Guam; to Chief of Police Fred E. Bordallo, Guam Police
24 Department; to Attorney Eric D. Miller, Executive Director, Public Defender Service
25 Corporation; to the Catholic Social Service's *Alee* Shelter; to the Andersen Family
26 Support Services - Fleet and Family Support Services; to the Archdiocese of *Agaña*;

1 to the Office of the Attorney General's Crime Victim Response Unit; to the
2 Department of Corrections' Parole Division/Training; to the Guam Department of
3 Education; to the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center – Healing Hearts
4 Crisis Center; to the Department of Youth Affairs; to Erica's House Visitation Center;
5 to the Governor's Community Outreach Federal Programs Office; to the Guam
6 Housing and Urban Renewal Authority; to the Guam Police Department's Victim
7 Assistance Unit; to *Guma'Mami*, Inc.; to *Inafa'maolek*; to the Mayors Council of
8 Guam; to the members of Guam's Media; to Mothers Against Drunk Driving
9 (MADD); to Sanctuary, Inc.; to the University of Guam; to Victim Advocates
10 Reaching Out (VARO); and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen*
11 *Guåhan*.

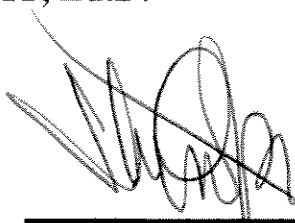
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 2ND DAY OF
OCTOBER 2013.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson					
SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA Vice-Chairperson	via email	10/1/13	✓		
SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Member	via email	10/2/13	✓		
VICE-SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ Member		10/2/13	✓		
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Member	via email	10/2/13	✓		
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