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Resolutions Log Sheet

Resolution	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of	Date	Committee /	Date Adopted
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243-32 (COR)	Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.,	Relative to supporting and recognizing the Guam Coalition Against Sexual	9/30/13	10/1/2013			10/01/13
	T.R. Muna Barnes, Aline A.	Assault & Family Violence and the Guam Legislature in co-sponsoring a	p.m.	2:00 p.m.			
	Yamashita, Ph.D.	Women's regional summit against sexual assault and family violence; and					
		extending a sincere Un Dångkolo' Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to the numerous					
		advocates of "Family Violence Awareness Month"; and to strengthen our					
		community to work together to end the violence and be victims, no more.					

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 243-32 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to supporting and recognizing the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence and the Guam Legislature in co-sponsoring a women's regional summit against sexual assault and family violence; and to further extending a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the numerous advocates of "Family Violence Awareness Month" in its efforts to strengthen our community to work together to end violence, and to become victims no more.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I

MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

- WHEREAS, the 2013 Women's Regional Summit will highlight the issues of
- 4 sexual assault, family violence, and women's awareness on Guam. Various agencies
- 5 and organizations will discuss prevention, advocacy, and intervention that are
- 6 available to our community. In an effort to end the violence, Guam's leaders,

community advocates, and the youth have the opportunity to come together and give the victims of this ongoing crisis a voice; and

WHEREAS, violence and abuse can happen to anyone, yet the problem is often overlooked, excused, or denied. Whether the abuse is psychological or physical, the outcome is still the same and many of our people are becoming victims. Noticing and acknowledging signs of abuse and violence are the first steps to ending this crisis. Everyone has the right to a voice and to a life not overshadowed by fear. It all starts with breaking the silence; and

WHEREAS, domestic abuse often escalates from threats and verbal abuse to violence. And while physical injury may be the most obvious danger, the emotional and psychological consequences of domestic abuse are also severe. Emotionally abusive relationships can destroy one's self-worth, lead to anxiety and depression, and make one feel helpless and alone; and

WHEREAS, according to U.S. statistics on domestic and dating violence, dating violence is the leading cause of injury to young women. Nearly one quarter of girls who have been in a relationship reported going further sexually than they wanted to as a result of pressure. About forty percent (40%) of teenage girls ages 14 to 17 say they know someone their age that has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend. Approximately seventy percent (70%) of young female rape victims knew their rapist, either as a boyfriend, friend or casual acquaintance. Six out of ten rapes of young females occur in their home, or a friend or relative's home. Additionally, females who are 20 to 24 years of age are at risk for intimate partner violence; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Superior Court of Guam, Courts and Ministerial Division, recorded three hundred eighty-eight (388) combined cases of felony and misdemeanor family violence, one hundred (100) combined cases of felony and

1 misdemeanor criminal sexual conduct, and one hundred thirty-seven (137) protection 2 orders filed; and

WHEREAS, recent studies have shown that the level of family violence and sexual assault on Guam is still reaching an alarming amount. A new survey conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) reports that, in one 24-hour period, 28 victims of domestic violence on Guam, and their children, received life-saving services from local domestic violence organizations. The *Alee* Shelter with the Catholic Social Service provided a portion of these victims with emergency shelters or transitional housing for their safety and comfort; and

WHEREAS, the National Network to End Domestic Violence has been a premier organization advancing the movement against domestic violence for the past fifteen (15) years, after leading efforts among domestic violence advocates and survivors in urging Congress to pass the landmark "Violence Against Women Act" of 1994. Furthermore, the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence, established in 2006 as a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization, is comprised of non-profit organizations, government allies, community individuals, and other Coalition partners, who aim to stop sexual assault and family violence on Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Family Violence and Sexual Assault practitioners and advocates, the STOP Violence Against Women sub-grantees, government and non-governmental organizations, faith-based organizations, and other community partners have joined forces to directly and collectively confront this family violence crisis. These community organizations include the following: *Alee* Shelter - Catholic Social Service; Andersen Family Support Services - Fleet and Family Support Services; the Archdiocese of *Agaña*; the Office of the Attorney General - Crime Victim Response Unit; the Association of Individual, Family and Marriage Therapists; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam - Mentoring Organization; the Department of Corrections - Parole

Division/Training; the Guam Department of Education; the Guam Behavioral Health 1 2 and Wellness Center - Healing Hearts Crisis Center; the Department of Public Health 3 and Social Services; the Department of Youth Affairs; Erica's House – Visitation 4 Center; the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence; the Governor's Community Outreach - Federal Programs Office; the Guam Housing and 5 6 Urban Renewal Authority; I Liheslaturan Guåhan; the Guam Legal Services 7 Corporation – Disability Law Center; the Guam Sexual Assault and Abuse Resource 8 Center Association; the Guam Police Department - Victim Assistance Unit; 9 Guma'Mami, Inc.; Inafa'maolek; the Mayors' Council of Guam; Guam's Media; Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD); Naval Family Support Services - Fleet and 10 11 Family Support Services; the Oasis Empowerment Center; the Public Defender 12 Service Corporation; the Guam Judiciary – the Superior Court of Guam Family 13 Violence Court, the Judicial Council, and the Superior Court of Guam Probation and Marshals Divisions; Sanctuary, Inc.; the University of Guam; the Victim Advocates 14 Reaching Out (VARO); and the WestCare Pacific Islands; and 15 16 WHEREAS, the incredible effort, compassion, and untiring dedication of these 17 volunteers, professionals, and organizations in addressing sexual assault and family violence on Guam deserve recognition and support by our entire community; now 18

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, support and recognize the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence and the Guam Legislature in co-sponsoring a women's regional summit against sexual assault and family violence; and does further extend a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the numerous advocates of "Family Violence"

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therefore, be it

1 Awareness Month" in its efforts to strengthen our community to work together to end 2 violence, and to become victims no more; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of 4 5 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable F. Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Guam; to the Honorable Alberto Lamorena, Presiding Judge, 6 7 Superior Court of Guam; to the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief Judge, 8 U.S. District Court of Guam; to the Honorable Michael J. Bordallo, Judge, Superior 9 Court of Guam Family Violence Court; to Ms. Janice Camacho, Superior Court of 10 Guam Family Violence Court Coordinator; to the Honorable Leonardo M. Rapadas, Attorney General of Guam; to Chief of Police Fred E. Bordallo, Guam Police 11 12 Department; to Attorney Eric D. Miller, Executive Director, Public Defender Service 13 Corporation; to the Catholic Social Service *Alee* Shelter; to the Andersen Family Support Services, Fleet and Family Support Services; to the Archdiocese of Agaña; to 14 15 the Office of the Attorney General's Crime Victim Response Unit; to the Association of Individual, Family and Marriage Therapists; to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of 16 Guam; to the Department of Corrections' Parole Division/Training; to the Guam 17 18 Department of Education; to the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, 19 Healing Hearts Crisis Center; to the Department of Public Health and Social Services; 20 to the Department of Youth Affairs; to Erica's House Visitation Center; to the Guam 21 Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence; to the Governor's Community 22 Outreach Federal Programs Office; to the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal 23 Authority; to I Liheslaturan Guåhan; to the Guam Legal Services Corporation – Disability Law Center; to the Guam Sexual Assault and Abuse Resource Center 24 25 Association; to the Guam Police Department's Victim Assistance Unit; to 26 Guma'Mami, Inc.; to Inafa'maolek; to the Mayors' Council of Guam; to members of

- 1 Guam's Media; to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD); to the Naval Family
- 2 Support Services, Fleet and Family Support Services; to the Oasis Empowerment
- 3 Center; to the Public Defender Service Corporation; to the Guam Judiciary the
- 4 Superior Court of Guam Family Violence Court, to the Judicial Council, and the
- 5 Superior Court of Guam Probation and Marshals Divisions; to Sanctuary, Inc.; to the
- 6 University of Guam; to Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO); to the WestCare
- 7 Pacific Islands; 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 DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2013

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ Acting Speaker

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