

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Referred	Committee / Ofc Referred	Date Adopted
298-32 (COR)	R.J. Respicio	Relative to recognizing and commending Assistant United States Attorney Karon Johnson for her hard work and dedication to our island community, for her public service, and for her generosity and passion, as a co-founder of Guam Animals In Need (GAIN), in caring for the domesticated animal population of Guam.	1/7/14 2:25 p.m.	1/8/14 9:00 a.m.			01/08/14

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 298-32 (COR)

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Assistant United States Attorney Karon Johnson began working
4 for the U.S. Attorney's Office in April, 1989; and

1 **WHEREAS**, since then, U.S. Attorney Karon Johnson has prosecuted
2 thousands of criminal cases, including immigration fraud, drug trafficking, the sale of
3 counterfeit merchandise, official corruption, wire fraud, mail fraud, and environmental
4 crimes; and

5 **WHEREAS**, with the help of NOAA special agent Chuck Raterman, U.S.
6 Attorney Johnson established the first permanent reward program for people who turn
7 in turtle poachers; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in November 1989, Karon began pursuing a non-work related
9 activity, joining with Marie Chenery, Rebecca Tomzik, and others, to form an
10 organization for abused/abandoned animals, calling it Guam Animals In Need
11 (GAIN); and

12 **WHEREAS**, during the early years of GAIN, Karon and Marie Chenery
13 literally held the organization together, protecting and saving animals that would
14 otherwise have suffered, and some could have died; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in August 1990, Karon drafted an agreement between GAIN and
16 the Department of Public Health and Social Services to allow GAIN to provide animal
17 care, supplies and food at the government-run animal shelter; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in November 1993, in further caring for stray animals at GAIN,
19 Karon donated a cat enclosure to the shelter; and during the winter of 2000, Karon
20 obtained an \$8,000 grant from the Gannett Foundation for Versa cages for cats; and

21 **WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2001, Karon and her spouse, Rob Kautz, worked
22 with then-Governor of Guam Carl T.C. Gutierrez on a Memorandum of
23 Understanding (MOU) for GAIN to take responsibility of the animal shelter; and

24 **WHEREAS**, on June 3, 2002, GAIN paid One Dollar (\$1) for a 30-year lease
25 of the animal shelter, after Governor Gutierrez signed the lease agreement; and

26 **WHEREAS**, on April 8, 2005, legislation drafted by Karon and Guam
27 legislators became Bill No. 56 (EC), to prevent animal suffering; and

1 **WHEREAS**, from February to April 30, 2005, Karon worked tirelessly with
2 local contractors and businesses so that a typhoon-proof cat facility could be built; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on April 30, 2005, Father Patrick Castro blessed the Karon V.
4 Johnson Cat Facility, with Karon’s efforts giving the cats and kittens a safe home; and

5 **WHEREAS**, from 2000 to 2007, Karon assisted the membership chairperson of
6 GAIN to increase its membership from one hundred (100) to nearly five hundred
7 (500) members; and

8 **WHEREAS**, from 2008 to 2009, Karon once again worked with contractors
9 and businesses so that GAIN’s fragile puppy kennels could be typhoon-proofed; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, Karon worked with GAIN members and Senator Judith
11 P. Guthertz, DPA, to get Macon’s Law passed and signed; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in 2010 after the Guam Greyhound Rescue team rescued more
13 than two hundred (200) greyhounds and shipped them off island, Karon worked with
14 members and Senator V. Anthony Ada to get the ban on dog racing bill passed and
15 signed into law; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Karon was always the “go to” person when the shelter needed
17 supplies and equipment. She would spend nearly Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)
18 yearly to make certain the animals were given whatever was needed to keep them
19 happy and healthy; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in 2012, Karon and Rob donated over \$5,000 to Fur-Ever Kinda
21 Love to provide necessary Project Pet Care funds for responsible pet care to island pet
22 owners, with pets being given free rabies vaccinations and wormers, and having their
23 nails trimmed, their ears cleaned, and their teeth checked; and

24 **WHEREAS**, from 2012 to 2013, Karon participated in the village to village
25 Project Pet Care health clinics and distributed information and discounted spay and
26 neuter coupons; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in September 2013, Karon and her spouse, Rob, sponsored the
2 Fur-Ever's first calendar, that was printed and sold to raise funds for future clinics,
3 and their dedication to loving and assisting animals in need has always been at the top
4 of their agendas; now therefore, be it

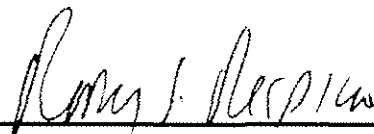
5 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na*
6 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
7 of Guam, commend and recognize Assistant United States Attorney Karon Johnson
8 for her dedication and hard work with the GAIN Animal Shelter to protect and save
9 many animals that would otherwise have needlessly perished, and for her generosity
10 and love of domesticated animals and of our community; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
12 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
13 the same be thereafter transmitted to Assistant United States Attorney Karon Johnson;
14 and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 8TH DAY OF
JANUARY 2014.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary



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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson	<i>email</i>	<i>1-7-14</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA Vice-Chairperson					
SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Member	<i>email</i>	<i>1-7-14</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
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For Sponsor's Office Use Only

Sponsor Signature: _____ *Rory J. Respicio*

Staff Contact Person: _____ *Jennifer Duke*

Date: _____ *1-8-2014*

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6 Certified _____ Returned

Name: _____ *J. TAISAGUE*

Date: _____ *1/8/14*

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