

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Resolutions Log Sheet

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452-32 (COR)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Relative to recognizing and congratulating the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence on their participation in the celebration of the 20th Year Anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act and to further extend a warm and sincere Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' for their commitment to serving the needs of the vulnerable women and families of our island community.	9/12/14 11:29 a.m.	09/15/14			09/15/14

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

Resolution No. 452-32 (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,** the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence
4 (GCASAFV) is a non-profit organization whose members are comprised of other
5 community-based providers, government allies, and individuals who address sexual
6 assault and family violence issues on Guam; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the purposes of the GCASAFV are to address sexual assault and
2 family violence issues with one united voice; to provide education outreach and training
3 regarding sexual assault and family violence; to identify gaps in services to victims of
4 sexual assault and family violence, and to make recommendations for changes; to speak
5 out so that victims of sexual assault and family violence on Guam can readily get the
6 services they need; to build the capacity of organizations and networks through training
7 and education in order to meet the needs of Guam’s sexual assault and family violence
8 victims; and to be sure that the voices of survivors of sexual assault and family violence
9 guide the work of the GCASAFV; and

10 **WHEREAS**, this project, in fulfilling the GCASAFV’s purposes for our island, is
11 funded by the State and Territorial Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions
12 Program grant of the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against
13 Women; and by the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grant administered by
14 the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Family and Youth Services
15 Bureau of the Administration for Children and Families; and

16 **WHEREAS**, this year, the Office on Violence Against Women celebrates the 20th
17 Year Anniversary of the passage of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA); and

18 **WHEREAS**, the United States Congress passed the Violence Against Women Act
19 of 1994 as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. The
20 VAWA is a comprehensive legislative package that is designed to end violence against
21 women, and it was reauthorized in both 2000 and 2005. The legislative history of the
22 VAWA indicates that the U.S. Congress seeks to remedy the legacy of laws and social
23 norms that serve to justify violence against women is addressed nationwide; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) was created
25 specifically to implement the VAWA and subsequent legislation. The OVW administers
26 financial and technical assistance to communities around the country to facilitate the

1 creation of programs, policies, and practices that are aimed at ending domestic violence,
2 dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the VAWA was designed to improve the criminal justice responses
4 to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and to increase the
5 availability of services for the victims of these crimes. The VAWA requires a coordinated
6 community response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking,
7 encouraging jurisdictions to bring together players from diverse backgrounds to share
8 information, and to use their distinct roles to improve the community's responses to
9 violence against women; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 2002, legislation was passed that made the Office on Violence
11 Against Women (OVW) a permanent part of the U.S. Department of Justice, with a
12 Presidentially-appointed, Senate-confirmed Director. Since its inception in 1995, the
13 Office on Violence Against Women has awarded over Four Billion Dollars in grants and
14 cooperative agreements, and it has launched a multifaceted approach to implementing the
15 VAWA; and

16 **WHEREAS**, a key OVW official, Dr. Bea Hanson, Principal Deputy Director of
17 the U.S. Department of Justice, visits the island of Guam on September 15, 2014; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Bea Hanson has served in her position since May 2011. She
19 earned a PhD in Social Welfare from the University of New York, and a MSW degree
20 from the Hunter College of Social Work in the beautiful city of New York; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Hanson previously served as the Chief Program Officer for Safe
22 Horizon, a crime victim services organization in New York City serving three hundred
23 fifty thousand (350,000) victims annually; and

24 **WHEREAS**, with Dr. Bea's visit to our island and the help of her office and other
25 funding agencies, the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence
26 continues to address these issues and serve the needs of those vulnerable to it; now
27 therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan*
2 *Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam,
3 recognize and congratulate the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family
4 Violence on their participation in the celebration of the 20th Year Anniversary of the
5 Violence Against Women Act; and does further extend a warm and sincere *Un Dångkolo*
6 *Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to them for their commitment to serving the needs of the vulnerable
7 women and families of our island community; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
9 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the
10 same be thereafter transmitted to the Reverend Father Michael Crisostomo, Chairman of
11 the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence; to Cynthia Cabot,
12 Executive Director of the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence;
13 and to Dr. Bea Hanson, Principal Deputy Director of the United States Department of
14 Justice, Office on Violence Against Women; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*
15 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I
MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 15TH DAY OF
SEPTEMBER 2014.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary



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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson	<i>evote</i>	9/15/14	✓		
SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA Vice-Chairperson	<i>evote</i>	9/15/14	✓		
SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Member	<i>evote</i>	9/15/14	✓		
VICE-SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ Member					
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Member					
SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. Member	<i>evote</i>	9/15/14	✓		
SENATOR FRANK BLAS AGUON, JR. Member	<i>evote</i>	9/15/14	✓		
SENATOR MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS Member	<i>evote</i>	9/15/14	✓		
SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA Minority Member	<i>evote</i>	9/15/14	✓		
SENATOR ALINE YAMASHITA Minority Member	<i>evote</i>	9/15/14	✓		

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Sponsor Signature: *[Signature]*

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Date: 9/15/14

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Name: M. Mesngan

Date: 9/15/14

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