

I Mina Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

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| 12-33 (LS) | Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. | Relative recognizing and congratulating the 'Guam Moms Helping Moms and Families' on the grand opening of their Assistance Office and "Shop for a Cause" Thrift shop and to further extending a warm and sincere Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'osMa'åse' for their dedication and service in assisting our island's community and for promoting happy and healthier families on Guam. | 02/17/15 9:55 a.m. | 02/25/15 10:00 a.m. | | | | | 02/17/15 |

I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 12-33 (LS)

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating “Guam Moms Helping Moms and Families” on the grand opening of its Assistance Office and the “Shop for a Cause” Thrift Shop; and to further extending a warm and sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to “Guam Moms Helping Moms and Families” for its dedication and service in assisting our island’s community, and for promoting happy and healthier families on Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, three mothers, Ashley Cruz, Reyann Sablan, and Cynthia Perez
4 took part of an online group that started collecting donations and distributing them

1 from a temporary *Dededo* location to families who were in need of a helping hand;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, on February 1, 2013, Ashley Cruz founded “Guam Moms
4 Helping Moms and Families” with the influence from her family, most especially her
5 mother, Barbara Benavente; and with the desire to help the community in need; and

6 **WHEREAS**, “Guam Moms Helping Moms and Families” was incorporated as
7 a non-profit organization in October 2013; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the “Guam Moms Helping Moms and Families” mission is to
9 assist and educate struggling families towards self-stability with five set programs:
10 Clothing Closet, Diaper Bank, Pregnancy and Parental Guidance, Dress for Success,
11 and Family Building Sessions; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the *Clothing Closet* program aims to assist families with children
13 10 years and under with the basic essentials of clothing, shoes, and other necessary
14 items; and families will be able to receive these items in the hope of helping them
15 through their financial struggles; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the *Diaper Bank* program aims to provide 12 to 15 diapers, wipes,
17 and hygiene products to low income families with children under 3 years of age; and
18 the families can avail of these donations monthly from the community; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the *Pregnancy and Parental Guidance* program provides monthly
20 discussions and welcomes pregnant women and parents to come together to share their
21 experiences. The group focuses on parental and pregnancy topics and questions, and
22 attendees will receive an incentive voucher for attending. This program also develops
23 relationships among families in the community and “Guam Moms Helping Moms and
24 Families”; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the *Dress for Success* program aims to motivate and assist
26 families who are in search of jobs that will lead them to self-sufficiency. The program

1 will offer individuals work clothing and information on resumes and interviews. This
2 program will also reach out to employed professionals who would like to make a
3 difference and pass down their work clothing to others who look at joining the
4 workforce; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the *Family Building Sessions* program enables Guam Moms to
6 host age appropriate family activities monthly. The activities can range from free
7 movie nights, family zumba, family sports, and arts and crafts. The goal of this
8 program is to give families activities that will enhance family bonding and love; and

9 **WHEREAS**, “Guam Moms Helping Moms and Families” assists walk-in
10 clients and helps families referred by other agencies, such as Project *Karinu*, VARO
11 Guam, the Veterans Affairs Office, and the Department of Public Health and Social
12 Services, among others; and

13 **WHEREAS**, “Guam Moms Helping Moms and Families” has hosted annual
14 events, such as the Guam Moms Island Wide Diaper Drive, the Homeless Outreach,
15 the Back to School Giveaway, and their Christmas for a *Neni* and Siblings Toy Drive;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, “Guam Moms Helping Moms and Families” currently operates
18 with a small group of dedicated volunteers assisting others in need. They are: Ashley
19 Cruz, Elaine Boretta, Dawn Andresen, Nikole Wells, Jamie Wells, Reyann Sablan,
20 Alicia Blas, Lanie Cruz; Paul John Cruz, Chad Andresen, Alan Garrido, Jacob Meno,
21 Joe Basaliso, and Mark Lizama. “Guam Moms Helping Moms and Families”
22 welcomes anyone interested in volunteering their services; and

23 **WHEREAS**, “Guam Moms Helping Moms and Families” held the Ribbon
24 Cutting and Grand Opening for their Assistance Office and the “Shop for a Cause”
25 Thrift Shop in *Agaña* on Sunday, February 1, 2015; now therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
2 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate “Guam Moms Helping
3 Moms and Families” on the grand opening of its Assistance Office and the “Shop for
4 a Cause” Thrift Shop; and does further extend a warm and sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si*
5 *Yu'os Ma'åse'* to “Guam Moms Helping Moms and Families” for its dedication and
6 service in assisting our island’s community, and for promoting happy and healthier
7 families on Guam; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
9 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ashley
10 Cruz, Founder and President of “Guam Moms Helping Moms and Families”; to the
11 Members of the “Guam Moms Helping Moms and Families” organization; and to the
12 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015.



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Acting Speaker



DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.
Acting Legislative Secretary