

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

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193-33 (COR)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Relative to recognizing and commending the Division of Environmental Health (DEH) of the Department of Public Health and Social Services on the celebration of the Tenth (10th) Annual Guam Food Safety Education Month: "A Decade of Fighting Bac"; and to further extending Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'àse' to the DEH for its outstanding commitment to serve and protect our people from food-borne illnesses and other environmental hazards through educational outreach and programs throughout the year for all stakeholders and the people of Guam.	09/22/15 3:39 p.m.	09/26/15 10:00 a.m.					09/24/15

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

Resolution No. 193-33 (COR)

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS,** the mission of the Division of Environmental Health (DEH) of
4 the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) is to “*serve and*
5 *protect the people of Guam from environmental hazards through education and the*

1 *implementation of governing laws designed to protect the public from injuries,*
2 *diseases, disabilities and deaths”;* and

3 **WHEREAS,** it is the goal of the DEH to implement preventive measures to
4 protect the island from environmental health hazards and pharmaceutical drug abuse
5 and misuse; and

6 **WHEREAS,** with the authority and guidance of twenty-two (22) legislative
7 mandates, two (2) executive orders, and over fifteen (15) regulations, the DEH
8 regulates various businesses to prevent the transmission of diseases and the
9 elimination of public nuisances that may adversely impact the public, and regulate the
10 manufacture, distribution and the dispensing of pharmaceutical controlled drugs; and

11 **WHEREAS,** in addition to its enforcement activities, the DEH strives to
12 provide tools for the education of the public via community outreaches, public
13 announcements, trainings, conferences, career-day presentations, and fairs; and

14 **WHEREAS,** it is the intent of the DEH to incorporate an educational
15 component in its overall mission because of the value of education and the importance
16 of providing environmental health services to the people, albeit their obligation via
17 any statutory mandate; and

18 **WHEREAS,** the Division of Environmental Health has given priority to its
19 Food Safety Programs and other food safety-related activities with the greatest reach
20 and impact to the public; and

21 **WHEREAS,** of the nearly three thousand (3,000) sanitary permits issued to
22 various health-regulated establishments, food facilities make up approximately
23 seventy-five percent (75%) of these establishments; and

24 **WHEREAS,** the DEH has limited human resources to routinely or thoroughly
25 conduct regulatory activities, such as compliance inspections, outbreak investigations
26 and environmental assessments, thus the Division is chronically challenged in
27 enforcing many of its laws and providing its services; and

1 **WHEREAS**, this has resulted in the Division's focus and reliance on more
2 public education and training, to increase the awareness of the people of Guam in the
3 prevention of disease outbreaks, especially food-borne diseases and environmental
4 health violations in the various establishments; and

5 **WHEREAS**, through education, awareness and training, the Division seeks to
6 empower the public and the regulated businesses with the knowledge that will allow
7 them to make informed decisions, and meet compliance requirements, respectively, in
8 preventing food-borne illnesses. Although enforcement is a necessary component of
9 all regulatory functions (inspections, suspension of permits, etc.), the Division
10 proactively seeks to work collaboratively with each business it regulates; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in accommodating the public's need for the Division's services, it
12 is not uncommon for the professionals at the Division of Environmental Health to
13 perform work outside normal working hours, often working an additional five (5) to
14 ten (10) voluntary hours, without additional compensation, each week in order to
15 maintain their workload so as to provide the best and most service possible with their
16 limited resources; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in September 2006, the Division of Environmental Health kicked
18 off its First (1st) Annual Guam Food Safety Education Month to coincide with the
19 observance of National Food Safety Month; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the intent of the Annual Food Safety Education Month was to
21 expand the event for the entire island community to include activities for students,
22 other regulatory entities, non-governmental organizations, and the general public; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Food Safety Education Month is not a mandated
24 program, or a departmental-directive, but a Division of Environmental Health initiated
25 campaign to promote and proactively educate the public in food safety; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Food Safety Education Month has been celebrated
27 annually since 2006, each with a special theme of observance: 2006, 1st Annual:

1 “Keep Hands Clean with Good Hygiene”; 2007, 2nd Annual: “Don’t Compromise-
2 Clean and Sanitize”; 2008, 3rd Annual: “Food-borne Pathogens: Your Family’s Health
3 is in Your Hands”; 2009, 4th Annual: “Be Food Safe: Harmful Bacteria Can Make
4 People Sick”; 2010, 5th Annual: “Let’s Party the Food Safety Way”; 2011, 6th Annual:
5 “Cook and Chill to Prevent Being Ill”; 2012, 7th Annual: “Be Your Own Health
6 Inspector”; 2013, 8th Annual: “Food Safety is a Family Affair”; and 2014, 9th Annual:
7 “Crack the Code to Food Safety”; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the commitment of each member of the Division of
9 Environmental Health has ensured that the 10th Annual Guam Food Safety Education
10 Month is to be the largest and finest project the Division has ever coordinated and
11 accomplished with minimal external manpower assistance; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in conjunction with the observation of the 10th Annual Guam
13 Food Safety Education Month in September 2015, the Division had started planning
14 and executing two (2) contests for middle and high school participants. A video
15 contest for the island’s high schools challenged the participants to produce a short film
16 on food safety. For middle schools, the entrants had to add food safety steps to the
17 pre-selected recipes from six (6) of our island’s popular chefs. The final contest, for
18 the elementary school students in September, would encourage children to draw and
19 name an original mascot for the Division’s Food Safety Program. These contests seek
20 to stimulate food safety discussion in the classrooms and at homes with the hopes to
21 excite them in understanding the importance of preventing food-borne illnesses; and

22 **WHEREAS**, after receiving a total of thirty-three (33) team video entries from
23 one hundred nine (109) individuals from George Washington High School, Notre
24 Dame High School, Simon Sanchez High School, and the Academy of Our Lady of
25 Guam, the winners of the 10th Annual Guam Food Safety Education Month Video
26 Contest, are all from Notre Dame High School: 1st Place, “Agents of Food Safety” by
27 Team “SLN Productions”: Darren Caldwell, Erin Camemo, Charience Dela Cruz,

1 Josiah Gabriel Mesngon, and Brendan-Alexander Valera; 2nd Place, “Food Safety
2 Project” by Alyssa McCracken; and 3rd Place, “Bac Attack” by Team “TNT”: Noah
3 Camacho, Davie-Rae LeFever, Lauren Tasi San Nicolas and Tammi Wusstig; and

4 **WHEREAS**, after receiving one hundred fifty-three (153) entries, the winners
5 of the 10th Annual Guam Food Safety Education Month Recipe Contest are: 1st Place:
6 Nikkita Lenherr, 6th grade-Homeschool, with Mahi-Mahi with Spicy Coconut Sauce
7 by Chef Tony Benitez; 2nd Place: Richard Baal, 8th grade-Cmdr. William McCool
8 Elementary and Middle School, with Smoked Tiger Prawn with Mango Salsa by Chef
9 Daniel Lenherr; and 3rd Place: Tomica Tyquiengco, 7th grade-Untalan Middle School,
10 with Chicken Estufao by Chef Tony Benitez; and

11 **WHEREAS**, after receiving a record one thousand eight hundred twenty
12 (1,820) entries for the 10th Annual Guam Food Safety Education Month Poster
13 Contest, the winners are: Category I- 1st Place - Draven Dizon, 1st grade, Santa
14 Barbara Catholic School; 2nd Place - Jadelin Cruz, 1st grade, Saint Anthony Catholic
15 School; and 3rd Place - Maina Rios, 1st grade, Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary School;
16 Category II- 1st Place - Benj Austin Encarnacion, 2nd grade, Santa Barbara Catholic
17 School; 2nd Place - Ranier Tio, 2nd grade, Santa Barbara Catholic School; and 3rd Place
18 - Kerstyn San Nicolas, 2nd grade, Juan M. Guerrero Elementary School; and Category
19 III- 1st Place - Reo Okawa, 4th grade Saint Anthony Catholic School; 2nd Place -
20 Koyuki Santos, 5th grade, Tamuning Elementary School; and 3rd Place - Christian
21 Lobaton, 5th grade Saint Anthony Catholic School; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the multitude of entries for each contest, totaling two thousand
23 eighty-two (2,082) entries, shows the determination and commitment of each member
24 of the Division of Environmental Health to promote food safety not only to the
25 establishments they serve but also to the community at large; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the Division coordinated the Food Safety Conference which was
27 held on September 8, 2015, and over one hundred forty (140) stakeholders attended,

1 including regulatory representatives from the CNMI, Belau, FSM, and Nauru. This
2 Conference provided presentations by industry representatives, the Guam Food Safety
3 Task Force Members, and the Division of Environmental Health Personnel. The
4 Conference showed the Division's commitment to education and its willingness to
5 collaborate with all stakeholders to promote food safety in the community; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on September 9 and 10, 2015, the Division provided training to
7 nearly one hundred (100) attendees about the recently adopted and implemented
8 Guam Food Code, to assist them in complying with the new food regulations. Live
9 demonstrations and various fun activities related to food safety were incorporated into
10 the two (2)-day training to keep all participants engaged; and

11 **WHEREAS**, on September 11, 2015, a representative from the U.S. Food and
12 Drug Administration (FDA) provided the Division, and select guests from Guam's
13 food industry, with a special training on seafood safety. This course was made
14 possible through the strong relationship established by the Division with the FDA
15 over the years and the federal agency's recognition of the Division's strong support of
16 food safety education activities, a fully federally funded training; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Division of Environmental Health has seen the need to be in
18 line with the times relative to social media, recognizing the power that it brings, and it
19 has established a Social Media Team to use Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to
20 promote food safety and to expand the Division's reach to bring awareness of the
21 many Food Safety Education Month events. Positive use of these social media outlets
22 were observed with the increase of activity during the month; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the culmination of the 2015 Guam Food Safety Education Month
24 will be celebrated on Saturday, September 26, 2015, at the Micronesia Mall Center
25 Court during the 10th Annual Guam Food Safety Education Month Fair. The people
26 of Guam are invited to join the Division of Environmental Health in celebrating and
27 recognizing the winners of the respective contests, enjoying the various food safety

1 displays and demonstrations, entertainment from many of the islands' schools, and the
2 showcasing of the different poster entries, recipe entries and video entries. This
3 celebration of proper food handling and the ten (10) years of promoting good food
4 practices by the Division will be shared with the hundreds of people in attendance;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, the 10th Annual Guam Food Safety Education Month has captured
7 the exemplary spirit and commitment of all the members of the Division of
8 Environmental Health while promoting and fulfilling the mission of the Division.
9 Each event was prepared and executed while still performing their regular duties and
10 responsibilities. These events have reached all levels of the public, from school
11 children to individuals in the food industry and the general public in an attempt to
12 capture the attention of every individual to bring education and awareness about food
13 safety; and

14 **WHEREAS**, through the heart and soul of its personnel, the Division of
15 Environmental Health exudes the hard work and determination which have brought
16 success to this annual event; and it is with the leadership of M. Thomas Nadeau,
17 Cynthia Naval, Rosanna Y. Rabago, Marilou Scroggs, Katherine Del Mundo, Evan
18 Lum, Katherine Duenas, Terry Barcinas, Francis Espres, Monica DeVera, Derien
19 Mitchell, Paige Andrews, Michelle Lastimoza, Maria Leilani Navarro, Remy Suva,
20 Claire Baradi, James P. Cruz, Jerome Garcia, Teresita Muna, Delia Tibbs and Duane
21 Dominguez that the annual celebration of the Guam Food Safety Education Month is
22 coordinated, bringing the importance of food safety from port to plate for every person
23 who lives, works, or visits Guam, and they are to be commended for the love of their
24 work; now therefore, be it

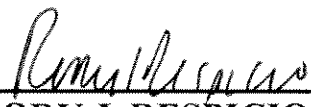
25 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na*
26 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
27 of Guam, recognize and commend the Division of Environmental Health (DEH) of the

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2 of the Tenth (10th) Annual Guam Food Safety Education Month: “A Decade of
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4 for its outstanding commitment to serve and protect our people from food-borne
5 illnesses and other environmental hazards through educational outreach and programs
6 throughout the year for all stakeholders and the people of Guam; and be it further
7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
8 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
9 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Masatomo “Thomas” Nadeau, Administrator
10 of the Division of Environmental Health, DPHSS; to Mr. James Gillan, Director of the
11 Department of Public Health and Social Services; and to the Honorable Edward J.B.
12 Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 24TH DAY
OF SEPTEMBER 2015.**



BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting 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	<i>evote</i>	9/24/15	✓		
✓ Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice-Chairperson	<i>evote</i>	9/24/15	✓		
✓ Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Member	<i>evote</i>	9/24/15	✓		
✓ Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz Member	<i>evote</i>	9/24/15	✓		
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✓ Senator V. Anthony Ada Minority Leader	<i>evote</i>	9/24/15	✓		
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Date: *9-24-15*

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