

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 139

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Relative to recognizing and commending Alee Family Violence Shelter—Catholic Social Services on its twenty-fifth (25th) year of tireless service to the women and children of Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**
2 ***MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS**, Father David I.A. Quitugua, together with the Sisters of the
4 Good Shepherd played an important role in the establishment of Catholic
5 Social Services and the first of many ministries; and

6 **WHEREAS**, following Public Law 15-117, that called for an Abuse

1 Shelter on Guam, Catholic Social Services established the “Alee Spouse Abuse
2 Shelter” on March 19, 1981, dedicated as a refuge for women and children
3 who had been subjected to domestic abuse and neglect and operated by the
4 Sisters of Good Shepherd; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the name “Alee” is a nautical term meaning “shelter from
6 the storm,” was thought of by the late Ricardo Castro of Sinajana, a former
7 accountant with Catholic Social Services; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Alee offers round the clock operations, including a
9 confidential telephone hotline, crisis counseling, referral service, respite care,
10 childcare service and transportation; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Alee is committed to ensuring the highest regard for
12 privacy and confidentiality for the safety of every woman, child and staff
13 member; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Catholic Social Services and the Sisters of the Good
15 Shepherd, as requested by the Department of Public Health and Social
16 Services expanded the services of Alee Shelter to include a separate shelter for
17 children, known as “Alee Children’s Shelter” in July of 1993; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Alee Children’s Shelter is also an emergency receiving
19 home whose primary objectives are to promote healing in children from the
20 effects of abuse and neglect, to prevent unnecessary separation of siblings
21 when removed from home, and to allow ample time for Child Protective
22 Services (CPS), Bureau of Social Service Administration (BOSSA) to create
23 foster home matches; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Alee Family Violence Shelter has, since its founding, served

1 three thousand four hundred fifty-five (3,455) women and their children, and
2 Alee Children's Shelter has served eight hundred eleven (811) children,
3 providing them with emergency food, clothing, safety and the means to seek
4 self-sufficiency; and

5 **WHEREAS**, women who seek refuge with Alee Shelter are offered
6 opportunities to improve their general health and general status, and that of
7 their children, by attending training courses in parenting, general health and
8 nutrition, housekeeping, interpersonal relations and building of self-esteem;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, Alee Children's Shelter interrupts the child's learning
11 pattern of violence and promotes healthy personality development, positive
12 interaction and developmental potential; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Sisters of the Good Shepherd have developed a
14 network with other agencies and organizations to meet the growing needs of
15 abused women and children, not only on Guam, but also other countries
16 throughout the world; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in the twenty-five (25) years of service to the People of
18 Guam, Alee Family Violence Shelter had eight (8) Program Directors: Sr. Anita
19 Kristofco, RGS; Sr. Ursula Fritz, RGS; Sr. Joanne Getz, RGS; Sr. Teresa Floyd,
20 RGS; Sr. Eileen Mearns, RGS; Sr. Marie Maurer, RGS; Sr. Nora Pat
21 O'Flannigan, RGS; and since July 22, 2003 to the present, Sr. Brigid Perez,
22 RSM (Religious Sister of Mercy); and

23 **WHEREAS**, Sr. Brigid Perez, RSM, newly appointed Program Director,
24 will continue the work of the Sisters of Good Shepherd and Catholic Social
25 Services under the direction and guidance of Ms. Cerila M. Rapadas,

1 Executive Director; Sr. Mary Callista Camacho, RSM, Deputy Director; and
2 Archbishop Anthony S. Apuron, OFM Cap. DD; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Sr. Brigid Perez, RSM, has committed her life and resources
4 to act in solidarity with the economically poor of the world, especially women
5 and children; women seeking fullness of life and equality in church and
6 society; and in solidarity with one another as she embraces the multicultural
7 and international reality as animated by the Gospel foundress, Catherine
8 McAuley's passion for the poor; and

9 **WHEREAS**, as a member of the Family Violence Sexual Assault Task
10 Force (FVSATF), Sr. Brigid Perez will seek solutions to the island's family
11 violence and child abuse issues; and

12 **WHEREAS**, every person arriving at Alee Shelters is received with
13 compassion and care, fulfilling the mission of Catholic Social Services, to
14 respect the dignity of the human person; and


15 **WHEREAS**, Alee Family Violence Shelter recognizes the enormous
16 contributions it has consistently received from the diverse branches of the
17 Armed Forces, military personnel and their families, religious communities
18 and organizations, since the beginning of Alee; now, therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
20 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the
21 people of Guam, congratulate Alee Family Violence Shelter-Catholic Social
22 Services on their twenty-fifth (25th) year of tireless service to the women and
23 children of Guam; and be it further

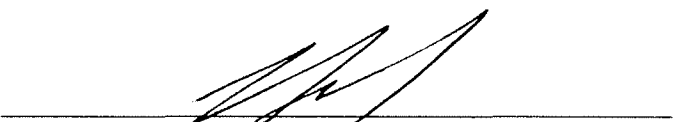
1 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
2 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the
3 people of Guam, recognize and commend the Alee staff, volunteers,
4 professionals, government and non-governmental organizations, and all those
5 who unselfishly to assisted the women and children of Guam; and be it
6 further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
8 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
9 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Alee
10 Family Violence Shelter-Catholic Social Services; and to the Honorable Felix P.
11 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 3RD
DAY OF MARCH 2006.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



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Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature