

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2006 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Executive Committee  
Resolution No. 179**

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**Relative to recognizing the week of May 20 through 28, 2006 as "National Safe Boating Week" and commending members of the Guam Safe Boating 2006 Planning Committee for their continued efforts in raising awareness of the importance of recreational boaters wearing life jackets.**

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

3        **WHEREAS,** as an island community, Guam is blessed with  
4        opportunities to engage in recreational boating and other water activities that  
5        are both enjoyable and inherently risky; and

6        **WHEREAS,** recreational boaters and their passengers can greatly  
7        increase their chance of surviving serious accidents by wearing a personal

1 floatation device (PFD) while boating; and

2       **WHEREAS**, operator mistakes cause the vast majority of boating  
3 accidents rather than those due to the boat, equipment or environmental  
4 factors; and

5       **WHEREAS**, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 24 Guam,  
6 is committed to improving boating safety, and during “National Safe Boating  
7 Week” from May 20 through 28, 2006, will present many activities and  
8 exhibits designed to enhance public awareness of boating safety, improve  
9 vessel safety, and promote the exchange of information with federal and local  
10 officials who oversee boating safety; and

11       **WHEREAS**, the United States Coast Guard Marianas Section Command  
12 Center coordinated three hundred eighty (380) Search and Rescue cases, of  
13 which thirty-six (36) were medical evacuations; five (5) were capsized vessels;  
14 eight (8) were flare sightings; seventeen (17) were overdue vessels; and ten  
15 (10) were diver incidents; and

16       **WHEREAS**, the United States Coast Guard’s published “Boating  
17 Statistics 2002,” proves the exemplary efforts of the agency, demonstrating  
18 that boating fatalities have declined in the United States every year since 1997;  
19 eighty-five percent (85%) of those who drowned in serious boating accidents  
20 in 2002 were not wearing life jackets on board, thus resulting in the tragic  
21 deaths of five hundred twenty-four (524) boaters, including twenty-eight (28)  
22 children; more than fifty-six percent (56%) of boating fatalities result from  
23 capsizing, falling over board, flooding, or unpredictable in-water experiences;  
24 and

25       **WHEREAS**, the National Safe Boating Council observes that, “*although*

1 *boating fatalities and injuries have declined over more than two (2) decades, the*  
2 *numbers remain high”; and*

3       **WHEREAS**, knowledge and skills are needed to reduce human error  
4 and improve judgment – if our people are aware of the risk, they are likely to  
5 take precautionary measures to protect themselves and their family and  
6 friends; and

7       **WHEREAS**, the national theme for this year’s observance is “Boat  
8 Smart-Boat Safe-WEAR IT!” exemplifying the lifesaving value of wearing  
9 personal floatation devices (PFD’s); and

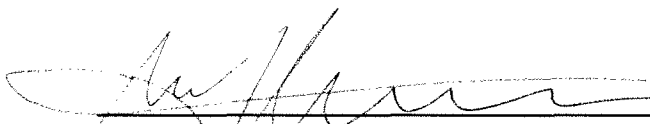
10       **WHEREAS**, concerns about improving safety in ocean-related  
11 endeavors has resulted in co-ordination between various organizations,  
12 whose interests are closely aligned with those of the U.S. Coast Guard  
13 Auxiliary, Flotilla 24 Guam, including the Guam Fishermen’s Co-op, the  
14 Guam Jet Sport Racing Association, the Marianas Paddle Sports Racing  
15 Association, the Marianas Yacht Club, the Sumay Yacht Club, the Guam  
16 Sailing Federation, the 4-H Kayak Club and the Sea Cadet Corps; and

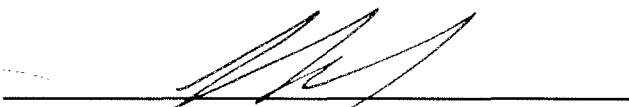
17       **WHEREAS**, this year, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 24, Guam  
18 and the U.S. Coast Guard, along with the Guam Police Department Territorial  
19 Boating Safety Office SEAS & Harbor Patrol Unit the Guam Fire Department –  
20 Fire Rescue the Port Authority of Guam, the Department of Parks and  
21 Recreation, the Guam Coastal Management Program, Bureau of Statistics and  
22 Plans, the HSC-25 Helicopter Squadron, the Personal Watercraft Dealers  
23 Association, and the National Weather Service are all working as the 2006  
24 “National Safe Boating Week” Planning Committee, taking part in a  
25 nationwide campaign to promote boating safety; now, therefore, be it

1           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*  
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
3 people of Guam, commend and congratulate the 2006 "Safe Boating Week"  
4 Planning Committee and recognizes the week of May 20 through 28, 2006 in  
5 observance of "National Safe Boating Week" together with this year's  
6 national theme: "Boat Smart, Boat Safe, WEAR IT!"; and be it 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 Mr. James  
10 Chargualaf, Chairperson of the 2006 "Safe Boating Week" Planning  
11 Committee; to Mr. Arthur Delisle (Duke), Vice Flotilla Commander of the U.  
12 S. Coast Guard Auxiliary; to Captain William Marhoffer, Commander of the  
13 U. S. Coast Guard Marianas Section; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*  
14 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 22ND  
DAY OF MAY 2006.**

  
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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker and  
Chairman, Executive Committee

  
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**EDWARD J.B. CALVO**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature