

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 186

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Relative to recognizing Natasha Christine Leon Guerrero Perez for her bravery and courage in fighting for a healthier environment for everyone on Guam and to honor her legacy, the "Natasha Protection Act of 2005", which banned smoking in restaurants and bars.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Natasha Christine Leon Guerrero Perez, affectionately
4 known as "Tash" was born on October 21, 1990 on Guam; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Tash’s mother is Genevieve M. Leon Guerrero and her
2 grandparents are Vicente and Mariquita Leon Guerrero; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Tash was afflicted with Osteosarcoma in 2002; and

4 **WHEREAS**, over a period of four (4) years, Tash endured eight (8)
5 major surgeries, two (2) years of chemotherapy, physical therapy and it was
6 because of her deep devotion to God that gave her the strength to endure; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the disease started in her left leg and then metastasized to
8 Tash’s lungs; and

9 **WHEREAS**, due to Tash’s lung compromised state dining out at
10 restaurants was a challenge for her that even to be in a non-smoking section
11 was not enough because of the crossover of smoke from the smoking section
12 posed a great problem for her; and

13 **WHEREAS**, when Tash, at her lung compromised state would smell
14 cigarette smoke, this would render her coughing and thus would make it
15 difficult for her to breath; and

16 **WHEREAS**, while receiving treatment in the state of New York, the “no
17 smoking law” was passed and implemented which provided a pleasurable
18 and healthy experience for Tash while dining out with family and friends; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Tash and her Mom returned to Guam in March 2004 and
20 within a few months of frustrated dining experiences sought the support of
21 Senator Lou Leon Guerrero to introduce a no smoking policy for Guam; and

1 **WHEREAS**, with the support of Senator Leon Guerrero’s esteemed
2 colleague, Senator Judith Won Pat, who was the second co-sponsor, continued
3 the task of lobbying for Bill No. 16 (Public Law 28-80) which we are now
4 proud to call the “Natasha Protection Act of 2005” also known as the
5 “Natasha Act”; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Tash was not the only one who would benefit from the
7 implementation of the Natasha Act as there are many children, adults, and the
8 elderly persons who suffer from bronchitis, asthma and other related
9 breathing conditions that make it difficult for them to breathe when smoke is
10 in the air, especially in enclosed areas such as restaurants and bars; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Tash was an honor student at the Academy of Our Lady of
12 Guam with the Class of 2008; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Tash ranked the top ten in her class and a dedicated
14 student setting the example of always doing one’s best; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Tash was active at Our Lady of Assumption Church in Piti;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, because of Tash, Healing Ministry has been established in
18 the Piti Parish and the statue of Our Lady of Good Health is in place in her
19 honor; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Tash enjoyed reading, watching movies, and being with her
21 friends; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Tash’s favorite restaurants were Firefly, Lonestar,
2 Capriocciosa and the Sagano Restaurant at the Onward Hotel because they
3 were smoke free even before the law was passed and she could experience a
4 pleasurable dining experience without compromising her health; and

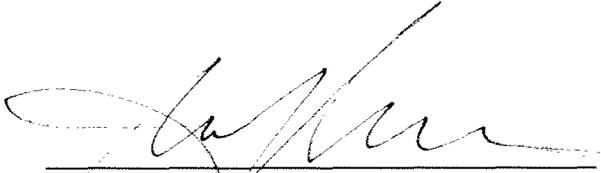
5 **WHEREAS**, although Tash was only a teenager, she was wise to have
6 strong convictions and the strength to voice her opinion for what she believed
7 was right; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Tash passed away on June 9, 2006 at the age of fifteen (15)
9 and her memory will forever be in our hearts and prayers; now, therefore, be
10 it

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Ocho Na*
12 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
13 people of Guam, recognize Natasha Christine Leon Guerrero Perez and honor
14 her for her courage and bravery by ensuring a healthier environment for
15 everyone on Guam through the “Natasha Protection Act of 2005”; and be it
16 further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
18 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
19 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to her mother
20 Genevieve M. Leon Guerrero; to the Academy of our Lady of Guam; and to
21 the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 4TH
DAY OF AUGUST 2006.



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



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