

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 82

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Relative to observing the week of October 9th-15th, 2005 as '2005 Fire Prevention Week', and this year's theme, "Use candles with care! When you go out, blow out!", in conjunction with the National Fire Protection Association, and commending the men and women of the Guam Fire Department that help to maintain the safety and well being of our island.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, between 1993 and 1997, candles have been the cause of an
4 annual average of eight thousand, six hundred-ninety (8,690) home fires
5 resulting in one hundred-four (104) civilian deaths, nine hundred forty-eight

1 (948) injuries, and One Hundred Twenty-six Million Dollars (\$126 million) in
2 property damage each year in the United States; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the latest statistics show that candle fires are on the rise,
4 with nine thousand nine hundred-thirty (9,930) reported in 1996 and eleven
5 thousand six hundred (11,600) in 1997, which is the highest total in the
6 eighteen (18) years for which statistics are available; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in the year 2004, residential fires accounted for seventy-
8 eight percent (78%) of all structure fires; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the number of candle fires in the United States has tripled
10 since 1990; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 2002, an estimated eighteen thousand (18,000) home fires
12 started by candles were reported to fire departments, and said fires caused
13 one hundred-thirty (130) deaths, one thousand three hundred-fifty (1,350)
14 injuries, and an estimated property loss of Three Hundred, Thirty-three
15 Million Dollars (\$333 million); now, therefore, be it

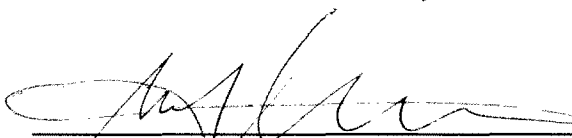
16 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
17 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
18 people of Guam, recognize the week of October 9th-15th, 2005 as 'Fire
19 Prevention Week,' and urges all citizens to promote safety when using
20 candles, taking heed of this year's theme, "Use candles with care! When you
21 go out, blow out!"; and be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
23 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
24 people of Guam, further commends the men and women of the Guam Fire

1 Department who help to maintain the safety and well being of our island; and
2 be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
4 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
5 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Acting Fire
6 Chief John L. Wusstig, Guam Fire Department; to Amy Lebeau, Public
7 Education Communications Manager for the National Fire Protection
8 Association; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE
5TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker and Chairman,
Executive Committee



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