

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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EXEC. COMM.

Resolution No. 100 (EC)

Introduced by:

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Relative to designating the week of November 13 through November 19, 2005 as "National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week" in Guam in recognition of Guam Animals in Need's (GAIN's) Animal Shelter employees and volunteers.

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

WHEREAS, thousands of cats, kittens, dogs and puppies live in and share the homes of many Guam residents, while and an unknown number of homeless animals wander the streets and villages in Guam; and

WHEREAS, some unknowing pet owners have allowed their animals to run loose and unsupervised, in violation of local law, thereby causing a threat to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the indiscriminate breeding allowed by these unknowing pet owners who have not had their animals spayed and neutered has contributed greatly to Guam's pet overpopulation, as has the activity of the unknown number of homeless animals; and

WHEREAS, Guam Animals In Need shelter volunteers and employees, like police officers and emergency medical personnel, must often respond to community problems and crises involving homeless animals; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Animals In Need Animal Shelter serves as a safe haven for Guam's homeless and abused animals, providing them with comfort and care; and

WHEREAS, Guam Animals In Need helps both animals and people in many ways by returning lost pets to their owners, recommending enforcement of animal control laws, rescuing injured animals, educating the public, and matching up families with new animal companions; and

WHEREAS, the work of Guam Animals In Need volunteers and the important services they provide often goes unnoticed and underappreciated by the citizens of Guam and deserves recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, designate the week of November 13-19, 2005, as National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week in Guam, in recognition of Guam Animals In Need and its employees and volunteers for providing lifesaving services to animals in Guam, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Secretary of the Legislature certify and the Chairperson of the Executive Committee attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Guam Animals In Need; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.