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

Evec Conm.
Resolution No. 150

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the week of April 1st to April 8th, 2006 as Guam Animal In Need's (GAIN's) "Spay And Neuter Week", and recognize the organizations many volunteers for their contributions, time, and support to such a wonderful program.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN
GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Guam Animals In Need (GAIN), Guam's only humane society, plays a major role in the community by hosting sterilization clinics each year to reduce the population of unwanted cats and dogs; and

WHEREAS, many cats and dogs provide companionship for families and individuals across the island, and many are considered a member of their families with whom to share a home; and

WHEREAS, unaltered cats and dogs on Guam produce unwanted kittens and puppies each year allowing them to roam freely, which can cause health problems; and

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WHEREAS, 3,624 cats and dogs were brought in to the shelter in 2005, and while 660 were healthy and adopted by loving families across the island, 2,964 were euthanized because a loving home or individual to adopt them could not be found; and

WHEREAS, island residents are urged to spay and neuter their animals during the sterilization period in order to decrease the number of animals euthanized and to help reduce the cost to Guam taxpayers year-round resulting from animal control programs, health care problems related to bites and allergies, as well as cleaning up trash created by uncontrolled animals; and

WHEREAS, local and off-island veterinarians, GAIN volunteers, business entities, and many others throughout our island community advocate for the spaying and neutering of companion animals during the sterilization week of April 1st through April 8th, to be conducted at the Chalan Pago Community Center; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the week of April 1st to April 8th, 2006 as GAIN's "Spay and Neuter Week," and commend the organization and its many volunteers for their support by donating, assisting, and adopting unwanted animals, giving them a chance at finding a loving home and also in helping GAIN reduce the population of unwanted pets; and be it further

RESOLVED, that *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, encourages the community to join with GAIN and observe this week by having their own animals spayed or neutered and sponsoring the spaying or neutering of unwanted animals at the shelter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, further recognize the following organizations, business entities, and organizations that have made this year's sterilization clinic possible: Isla Veterinary Clinic; Northwest Airlines; Hilton Resort & Spa; Guam Visitors Bureau; Guam Tropical Dive Station; Budget Car Rental; Bank of Guam; Andersen Officers Spouses Club; Avis Rent-a-Car; Cost-U-Less; South Pacific Petroleum Corporation; DGX; Guahan Waste Control; GuamCell Communications; K&L Driving School; Marianas Cable Vision; Matson Navigation; Mobil Oil Guam; National Office Supply; R&C Tours; Dial Rent-to-Own; Tanks-A-Lot; Sorensen Pacific Broadcasting; Moy Communications, Inc.; Guam Federation of Teachers; Pacific Daily News; Marianas Variety, Pacific Stars and Stripes; GU Magazine; and the GAIN staff and volunteers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Guam Animals In Need (GAIN); Isla Veterinary Clinic; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOP LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE	TED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA EDAY OF APRIL 2006.
MARK FORBES	EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Speaker	Senator and
Executive Comittee, Chairman	Secretary of the Legislature