




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

Executive Committee  
Resolution No. 179

Introduced by:

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**Relative to recognizing the week of May 20 – 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 MINA'BENTE SIETE***  
2 ***NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:***

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4            **WHEREAS**, as an island community, we are blessed with opportunities to engage in  
5 recreational boating and other water activities that are both enjoyable and have inherent risks; and

6            **WHEREAS**, recreational boaters and their passengers can greatly increase their chance of  
7 surviving serious accidents by wearing a personal floatation device (PFD) while boating; and

8            **WHEREAS**, operator-controllable factors are the cause of the vast majority of boating  
9 accidents over the comparatively low percentage of accidents due to the boat, equipment or  
10 environmental factors; and

11            **WHEREAS**, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 24 Guam, is committed to  
12 improving boating safety, and, during the week-long observance of ‘National Safe Boating Week’  
13 from May 20 to 28, 2006, has planned many activities and exhibits designed to enhance public  
14 awareness of boating safety, improve vessel safety through free inspections, and present opportunities  
15 for the exchange of information with federal and local officials that have oversight of boating safety;  
16 and

17            **WHEREAS**, the United States Coast Guard Marianas Section Command Center coordinated

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1 380 Search and Rescue cases, of which thirty-six (36) were medically evacuated off-island; five (5)  
2 were capsized vessels; eight (8) flare sightings; seventeen (17) overdue vessels; and ten (10) diver  
3 incidents; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the United States Coast Guard's published "Boating Statistics 2002," provides  
5 laudable facts attributed to the exemplary efforts of the agency, including that boating fatalities have  
6 declined in the United States every year since 1997; eighty-five percent (85%) of those who drowned  
7 in serious boating accidents in 2002 were not wearing life jackets on board resulted in the tragic deaths  
8 of five hundred twenty-four (524) boaters and passengers, including twenty-eight (28) children; more  
9 than fifty-six percent (56%) of boating fatalities result from capsizing, falling over board, flooding, or  
10 unpredictable in-water experiences; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the National Safe Boating Council observes that, "*although boating fatalities and*  
12 *injuries have declined over more than two (2) decades, the numbers remain high*"; and

13 **WHEREAS**, knowledge and skills are important to reduce human error and improve judgment  
14 – if our people are aware of the risk, they are likely to take precautionary measures to protect  
15 themselves and their family and friends; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the national theme for this year's observance is "Boat Smart-Boat Safe-WEAR  
17 IT!" exemplifying the continuing effort of instilling the lifesaving value of wearing personal floatation  
18 devices (PFD's); and

19 **WHEREAS**, a unified concern to improving activities and greater prospects for successful  
20 outcomes in ocean-related endeavors has resulted in the formation between various organizations,  
21 listed below, whose interests are closely aligned with those of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla  
22 24 Guam, including the Guam Fishermen's Co-op, the Guam Jet Sport Racing Association, the  
23 Marianas Paddlesports Racing Association, the Marianas Yacht Club, the Sumay Yacht Club, the  
24 Guam Sailing Federation, the 4-H Kayak Club and the Sea Cadet Corps ; and

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

32 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Siete Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the

1 people of Guam, commends and congratulates the 2006 'Safe Boating Week' Planning Committee and  
2 recognizes the week of May 20 to 28, 2006 in observance of 'National Safe Boating Week' together  
3 with this year's national theme: "Boat Smart, Boat Safe, WEAR IT!; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption  
5 hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. James Chargualaf, chairperson of  
6 the 2006 'Safe Boating Week' Planning Committee; to Mr. Arthur Delisle (Duke), Vice Flotilla  
7 Commander of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary; to Captain William Marhoffer, Commander of the U.  
8 S. Coast Guard Marianas Section; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*

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10 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF MAY 2006.**

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12 **Mark Forbes**

**Edward J. B. Calvo**

13 Speaker

Senator and Secretary of the Legislature