


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

**Executive Committee**

**Resolution No. 186**

Introduced by:

J. T. Won Pat 

**Relative to recognizing Natasha Christine Leon Guerrero Perez for her bravery and courage for fighting for a healthier environment for everyone on Guam and to honor her legacy, the "Natasha Protection Act of 2006" which banned smoking in restaurants and bars**

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

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

5 **WHEREAS**, Tash's mother is Genevieve M. Leon Guerrero and her  
6 grandparents are Vicente and Mariquita Leon Guerrero; and

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

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

11 **WHEREAS**, the disease started in her left leg then metastasize to Tash's

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1 lungs; and

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

6       **WHEREAS**, when Tash, at her lung compromised state would smell  
7 cigarette smoke, this would render her coughing and thus would make it  
8 difficult for her to breathe; and

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

12       **WHEREAS**, Tash and her Mom returned to Guam in March 2004 and  
13 within a few months of frustrated dining experiences sought the support of  
14 Sen. Lou Leon Guerrero to introduce a no smoking policy for Guam; and

15       **WHEREAS**, with the support of Sen. Leon Guerrero’s esteemed  
16 colleague, Sen. Judith Won Pat, who was second co-sponsor continued the task  
17 of lobbying for the bill which we are now proud to call the “Natasha  
18 Protection Act of 2006” also known as the “Natasha Act”; and

19       **WHEREAS**, Tash was not the only one who would benefit from the  
20 implementation of the Natasha Act as there are many children, adults, and the  
21 elderly who suffer from bronchitis, asthma and other related breathing  
22 conditions that make it difficult for them to breathe when smoke is in the air,

1 especially enclosed areas such as restaurants and bars; and

2       **WHEREAS**, Tash was a honor student at the Academy of Our Lady of  
3 Guam with the Class of 2008; and

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

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

8       **WHEREAS**, because of Tash, Healing Ministry has been established in  
9 the Piti parish and the statue of Our Lady of Good Health is in place in her  
10 honor; and

11       **WHEREAS**, Tash enjoyed reading, watching movies, and being with her  
12 friends; and;

13       **WHEREAS**, Tash's favorite restaurants were Firefly, Lonestar,  
14 Capriocciosa and the Sagano Restaurant at the Onward Hotel because they  
15 were smoke free even before the law was passed and she could experience a  
16 pleasurable dining experience without compromising her health; and

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

20       **WHEREAS**, Tash passed away on June 9, 2006 at the age of 15 and her  
21 memory will forever be in our hearts and prayers; and

22       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I*

1 *Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I*  
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize Natasha Christine  
3 Leon Guerrero Perez and honor her for her courage and bravery by ensuring a  
4 healthier environment for everyone on Guam through the "Natasha  
5 Protection Act of 2006"; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
7 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
8 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Genevieve M.  
9 Leon Guerrero, the Academy of our Lady of Guam, and to the Honorable  
10 Felix P. Camacho, *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE  
\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF AUGUST 2006.**

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**MARK FORBES**  
**Speaker and**  
**Chairman, Executive Committee**

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