

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

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 82 (EC)

Introduced by:

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Executive Committee of *I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:

WHEREAS, between 1993 and 1997, candles have been the cause of an annual average of eight thousand, six hundred-ninety (8,690) home fires resulting in one hundred-four (104) civilian deaths, nine hundred forty-eight (948) injuries, and one hundred twenty-six million dollars (\$126 million) in property damage each year, in the United States; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in 2002, an estimated eighteen thousand (18,000) home fires started by candles were reported to fire departments which caused one hundred-thirty (130) deaths, one thousand, three hundred-fifty (1,350) injuries, and an estimated property loss of three hundred, thirty-three million dollars (\$333 million); and now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize the week of October 9th -15th, 2005 as "Fire Prevention Month," and urges all citizens to actively participate in promoting safety when using candles, taking heed of this years' theme, "Use candles with care! When you go out, blow out!"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* further commends the men and women within the Guam Fire Department that help to maintain the safety and well being of our island; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and Chairman of the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislative attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Fire Department, Chief John L. Wusstig; Amy Lebeau, Public Education

Communications Manager for the National Fire Protection Association; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE _____ DAY OF OCTOBER 2005.

Senator Mark Forbes
Speaker
Executive Committee Chairman

Senator Edward B. Calvo
Secretary of the Legislature