

*I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
**2007 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 140**

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**Relative to designating the week of November 5<sup>th</sup> to November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 as “Shelter Appreciation Week” for Guam Animals In Need, Inc. (GAIN) and in recognition of GAIN’s animal shelter employees and volunteers.**

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

3        **WHEREAS,** there are more than one hundred seventy three thousand  
4        (173,000) people living in Guam, a majority of whom are pet owners; and

5        **WHEREAS,** while there is no accurate accounting on the number of pets or of  
6        stray animals in Guam, it is widely agreed that there are far too many stray and  
7        unwanted animals roaming our island; and

1           **WHEREAS**, a lack of knowledge or responsible action on the part of some pet  
2 owners has resulted in many animals running loose and unsupervised, causing a threat  
3 to public health and safety; and

4           **WHEREAS**, unfortunately, many of Guam’s pet owners have not had the time  
5 or recognized the need to have their companion animals spayed or neutered, leading to  
6 indiscriminate breeding of their pets, contributing to Guam’s severe pet over  
7 population; and

8           **WHEREAS**, in addition, a lack of enforcement of existing animal control laws,  
9 combined with old, poorly written laws, have allowed pet owners to ignore a number  
10 of laws, including leash laws, that would otherwise have protected many of Guam’s  
11 animals; and

12           **WHEREAS**, much like police officers, emergency medical personnel and other  
13 community assistance workers, employees of animal shelters must respond whenever  
14 such community problems and crises arise; and

15           **WHEREAS**, our island’s animal shelter, Guam Animals In Need, Inc., usually  
16 referred to as “GAIN,” acts as a safe haven for homeless and abused animals,  
17 providing them with comfort and care; and

18           **WHEREAS**, GAIN helps both animals and residents in Guam in many ways  
19 including returning lost pets to their owners; enforcing animal control laws; ensuring  
20 that adopted animals have their rabies shots and are issued pet licenses; receiving  
21 injured animals from the public; providing education for the public; and matching up  
22 families with new animal companions; and

23           **WHEREAS**, GAIN’s assistance extends beyond Guam’s shores as they host  
24 off-island organizations, such as a group of twenty-five to forty (25 to 40) students  
25 from Japanese School Tohoku Aiken Senmon Gakuin (Technical School for  
26 Groomers and Veterinary Technicians), accompanied by instructor Nagisa Makino

1 who teaches a veterinary technician course who are visiting the GAIN shelter as part  
2 of their course, field trips to Guam having taken place for the last several years; and

3 **WHEREAS**, GAIN will present the school group with an "Adopt A Kennel"  
4 sign in their name to affirm the relationship between the school and GAIN; and

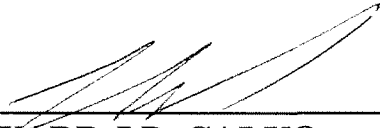
5 **WHEREAS**, the work of GAIN and the important services provided by the  
6 shelter's staff and volunteers may be recognized abroad, but often goes unnoticed and  
7 is frequently under-appreciated by the citizens of Guam and should be acknowledged;  
8 now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*  
10 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
11 of Guam, designate the week of November 5<sup>th</sup> to November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006, as "Shelter  
12 Appreciation Week" for Guam Animals In Need, Inc. to coincide with "National  
13 Animal Shelter Appreciation Week" being held on the same dates across the United  
14 States; and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
16 on behalf of the people of Guam, acknowledge and commend the services provided to  
17 the animals and people in our community by the employees and volunteers of Guam  
18 Animals In Need, Inc.; and be it further

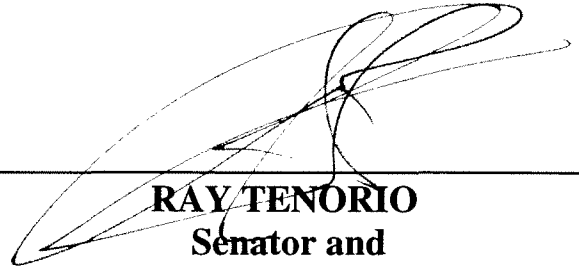
19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee  
20 certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that  
21 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Marie Chenery, President of Guam  
22 Animals In Need, Inc. (GAIN); and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen*  
23 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF NOVEMBER 2007.**



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**EDWARD J.B. CALVO**  
Acting Speaker and  
Chairman, Executive Committee



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**RAY TENORIO**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature