

**I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2008 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 173**

Introduced by:

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Relative to declaring April 4 to 11, 2008 as "SPAY GUAM WEEK" to provide assistance and encourage island residents to sterilize their pets to help reduce the cat and dog overpopulation of our island, and to extend a warm *Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to the sponsors of the Guam Animals In Need Clinic and the hard working volunteers and workers of GAIN for their commendable service to the community.

- 1           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I  
2    ***MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***  
3           **WHEREAS,** cats and dogs provide companionship and share homes with

1 thousands of individuals in Guam, and many of our island's residents treat  
2 their pets as members of the family; and

3 **WHEREAS**, it is unfortunate in Guam, as well as in many other locations,  
4 that for each pet with a home there are many that are homeless, often running  
5 wild, causing litter problems, spreading disease, creating nuisances and  
6 contributing to our island's pet overpopulation problem; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the taxpayers of Guam bear the costs of the problem of pet  
8 overpopulation, which amounts to thousands of dollars annually, especially  
9 for animal control programs aimed at coping with the thousands of homeless  
10 cats and dogs; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Guam Animals In Need (GAIN), Inc., Guam's only humane  
12 society, has had to euthanize as many as five thousand (5,000) cats and dogs  
13 each year, although many are healthy and adoptable, due to a lack of critical  
14 resources such as money, space, and suitable adoptive homes; and

15 **WHEREAS**, spaying and neutering cats and dogs have been proven to  
16 dramatically reduce the cat and dog overpopulation of our island; and

17 **WHEREAS**, veterinarians, national and local animal protection  
18 organizations, private citizens and sponsoring organizations have joined  
19 together with GAIN, Inc., to ensure the spaying and neutering of more than  
20 three thousand five hundred (3,500) companion animals during annual  
21 sterilization clinics in the past seven (7) years, and are once again advocating  
22 the spaying and neutering of companion animals during an eight (8) day  
23 clinic to be held from April 4 to April 11, 2008; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the island businesses and organizations that have joined

1 with GAIN, Inc., to lend a hand in providing this valuable public service  
2 include, Continental Air Lines, Pacific Islands Club, Mark V. Pangilinan  
3 Enterprises, the Pacific Daily News, Budget Car Rental, DGX, Express Signs,  
4 Guam Cell Communications, Island Equipment, Guam Navy Officers Spouses  
5 Club, and the HSC-25 Officers Spouses Club; and

6 **WHEREAS**, each business and organization assisting GAIN, Inc.,  
7 deserves recognition and our island's sincere appreciation for helping to  
8 reduce our population of homeless animals; 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  
11 people of Guam, designate April 4 to 11, 2008, as "SPAY GUAM WEEK", and  
12 does call upon the people of Guam to observe these eight (8) days by having  
13 their own cats and/or dogs spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the spaying  
14 and/or neutering of another person's cat or dog; and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*  
16 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
17 people of Guam, extend a warm *Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to the hard  
18 working volunteers and workers of Guam Animals In Need, Inc., for their  
19 exemplary service to the community by reducing the number of homeless  
20 animals by finding them homes and through other means; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
22 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
23 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam  
24 Animals In Need, Inc.; to Continental Air Lines; to the Pacific Islands Club; to

- 1 Mark V. Pangilinan Enterprises; to the Pacific Daily News; to Budget Car
- 2 Rental; to DGX; to Express Signs; to Guam Cell Communications; to Island
- 3 Equipment; to the Guam Navy Officers Spouses Club; to the HSC-25 Officers
- 4 Spouses Club; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2008.**



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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
Speaker and  
Chairwoman, Executive Committee



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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature