

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

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 185

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Relative to recognizing the American Cancer Society Guam Field Office for promoting cancer awareness through the "Relay for Life" and to commending the hardworking community volunteers and corporate partners for coordinating, promoting and making this annual event a success.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life" has become
4 one of the most successful charitable events nationwide for over twenty (20)
5 years; and

6 **WHEREAS,** it was in the mid 1980's that Dr. Gordy Klatt, a Tacoma
7 Colorectal Surgeon, decided to raise money for the fight against cancer by
8 doing something he loved – running marathons; and

9 **WHEREAS,** in May of 1985, Dr. Klatt raised his first Twenty-seven
10 Thousand Dollars (\$27,000) for the fight against cancer by running and
11 walking a total of eighty-three (83) miles within twenty-four (24) hours at
12 Baker Stadium in Tacoma, Washington; and

13 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Klatt subsequently created a small committee to plan
14 the first such relay team event, known as the "City of Destiny Classic 24-hour
15 Run Against Cancer" which, in 1986, with nineteen (19) teams participating at
16 the historic Stadium Bowl, raised Thirty-three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000);
17 and

18 **WHEREAS,** the American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life" involves all
19 facets of the community throughout the nation, including businesses,
20 government agencies, individuals, and youth groups in one (1) goal: 'to
21 remember those who have lost the battle to cancer and to celebrate the brave
22 men, women, and children who have survived cancer and continue to fight
23 for a cure'; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 2005, our island youth produced thirty-four (34) teams to
2 participate in the “Youth Relay For Life”, that grossed over Thirty-three
3 Thousand Dollars (\$33,000) and which preceded the “Relay For Life” that
4 featured more than sixty (60) teams and grossed over Two Hundred Twenty-
5 eight Thousand Dollars (\$228,000); and

6 **WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society Guam Field Office mainly
7 employs volunteers, and the money it raises is used for research, education,
8 advocacy, and services to patients; and


9 **WHEREAS**, the success of the American Cancer Society’s “Relay For
10 Life” is due to the Team Captains who motivate their groups and due to the
11 hundreds of community volunteers and numerous corporate sponsors and
12 benefactors whose generous contribution of time, energy, love and money
13 helps to lead our community toward a future where cancer may one day not
14 be a threat to the lives of our friends and family; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society encourages a healthy life style
16 through physical activity and proper nutrition in order to prevent cancer and
17 save lives; now, therefore, be it

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na*
19 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the
20 people of Guam, recognize and extend a heartfelt *si Yu’os Ma’åse’* to the
21 American Cancer Society Guam Field Office for promoting cancer awareness
22 through the “Relay For Life” and for its dedication to finding a cure, honoring
23 cancer survivors, and remembering those who have lost their lives; and be it
24 further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
2 *Lihaslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihaslaturan Guåhan* and the
3 people of Guam, recognize and commend the Team Captains for their hard
4 work and commitment to ensuring the success of this event; and be it further
5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive
6 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
7 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Christina
8 Noket, Community Manager-Development of the American Cancer Society
9 Guam Field Office; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen*
10 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 2ND
DAY OF MAY 2008.**



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



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature