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

Executive Committee Resolution No. 259

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing November 2008 as "Sanctuary, Incorporated Month" and to commending the Board of Directors, staff, and supporters of Sanctuary, Incorporated for their contributions on the occasion of its Thirty-seventh (37th) Anniversary.

1	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I
2	MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:
3	WHEREAS, while government can provide much support for children

4 and youth, it cannot provide all the services or the love that a child needs.

Thirty-seven years ago, the need to provide services to runaway, homeless
 and troubled youth was made a reality by Father Robert Phelps and Mr. Luis
 Martinez, who recognized the necessity for children and youth-oriented
 programs and services on our island; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Sanctuary, Incorporated was incorporated as a tax
exempt organization with a primary mission of *"Helping Youth and Families Help Themselves"*; and

8 WHEREAS, since its creation, Sanctuary, Incorporated has remained at 9 the forefront of providing comprehensive services to runaway, homeless and 10 troubled children and youth, and their families. Throughout the years, Sanctuary, Incorporated has continually expanded its programs to better 11 12 address the needs of our island's children, who confront issues such as physical and emotional abuse, sexual abuse, gang involvement, negative peer 13 14 pressure and substance abuse. Sanctuary, Incorporated has created an environment that instills important values, builds strong character and 15 16 provides sound education for our children and youth. With a firm foundation, 17 our children and youth will be better able to face the challenges of the future; 18 and

WHEREAS, in 1987, the Board of Directors of Sanctuary, Incorporated
worked enthusiastically to provide support programs that now include: a
twenty-four (24) hour Crisis Hotline; Co-ed Emergency Shelter Facilities; a
Transitional Living Program; a Parent Support Group; Parenting Skills

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Classes; Community Outreach Prevention Education & Development
 (COPED); Drug & Alcohol Support Groups; Tobacco Cessation and Self Esteem Groups for Youth; Youth & Adult Anger Management Groups; the
 Fan Macho'cho Economic Development Project; the AmeriCorps Program; and
 Sagan Na'Homlo', the only residential drug and alcohol treatment program for
 youth in the Western Pacific; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, the Board of Directors of Sanctuary, Incorporated
recognized the need for youth participation in all facets of the organization.
As a result, the YES (Youth Embracing Sanctuary) Crew was established. The
YES Crew, comprised of former clients and various policy-making
committees, helps with fundraising activities, and serves as a source of peer
counselors and facilitators; and

WHEREAS, Sanctuary continues, through its programs, to instill values, build character, and provide education for youth and their families; and by the proclamation of "Sanctuary, Incorporated Month", the government will encourage island residents to join in various seminars and conferences throughout the month of November, which are designed to educate the community about all of Sanctuary's vital services; and

WHEREAS, in July 2008, Sanctuary brought honor and pride to all of
Guam when it was granted a full three (3) year national accreditation by the
Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, also known as
CARF; now, therefore, be it

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1 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na* 2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of 3 Guam, and in recognition of Sanctuary, Incorporated's Thirty-seventh (37th) 4 Anniversary of service to the people of Guam, does hereby commend and 5 congratulate the management and staff of Sanctuary, Incorporated; and be it 6 further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Members of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* 8 humbly request I Maga'lahen Guåhan, the Governor of Guam, to proclaim the 9 month of November 2008, as "Sanctuary, Incorporated Month." Together, we 10 salute the staff, adult and youth volunteers, sponsors, and the Board of 11 Directors of Sanctuary, Inc. for their selfless dedication. Through their efforts, 12 we see the hope of our Island. As island leaders, we call upon our citizenry to 13 observe "Sanctuary, Incorporated Month" by participating in Sanctuary, Inc. 14 programs, ceremonies and activities that help to spread the word on the vital 15 community services that Sanctuary Inc. provides; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive 17 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption 18 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Chairman 19 and members of the Board of Directors of Sanctuary, Incorporated; to the staff 20 and management of Sanctuary, Incorporated; to the Executive Director of 21 Sanctuary, Incorporated; to the Honorable Jose T. Terlaje, President of the

- 1 Mayors' Council of Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I
- 2 Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2008.

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

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Senator and Secretary of the Legislature