

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

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 57**

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**Relative to recognizing April 22 to 28, 2007 as “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week” with the theme: “Victims’ Rights: Every Victim, Every Time”, to honor crime victims and to commend employees and volunteers of community-based organizations and government agencies who provide services and care for crime victims and survivors.**

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

3        **WHEREAS, “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week” was declared**  
4        **twenty-seven (27) years ago by President Ronald W. Reagan to focus the**  
5        **Nation’s attention on those who have fallen victim to crime; and**

1           **WHEREAS**, through volunteer support programs, the people of Guam  
2 and our nation can reflect on the devastating impact that crime and terrorism  
3 have on their victims and their families, and how we as a community can  
4 strengthen our resolve to address all victims' needs; and

5           **WHEREAS**, since 1981, crime victim assistance has grown from a  
6 handful of support programs to over ten thousand (10,000) community-based  
7 and justice system programs with more than thirty-two thousand (32,000)  
8 federal and state statutes that define and protect the rights of crime victims  
9 and survivors; and

10           **WHEREAS**, community-based organizations and government agencies  
11 such as the Office of the Attorney General's Victim Witness *Ayuda* Services;  
12 the Guam Police Department Criminal Investigation Section and Victim  
13 Assistance Unit; the Guam Fire Department; the Department of Corrections  
14 Parole Services; the Judiciary's Marshal and Probation Divisions; the Catholic  
15 Social Services ALEE Shelter; the Victim Advocates Reaching Out; the Erica's  
16 House; the Guam Legal Services Corporation; the *Guma' Mami*, Inc.; the  
17 Archdiocese of Agana; the Public Defender Service Corporation; the  
18 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Healing Hearts Crisis  
19 Center; the Department of Public Health and Social Services Child and Adult  
20 Protective Services Divisions; the Sanctuary, Inc.; the Sexual Assault Victim  
21 Intervention Advocates; the Andersen Family Advocacy Program; the Navy  
22 Family Advocacy Committee; the Superior Court of Guam Client Services and  
23 Family Counseling Division; the Department of Youth Affairs; the Governor's  
24 Community Outreach Federal Programs Office; the Mothers Against Drunk  
25 Driving (MADD); the Office of the Public Guardian; the Rainbows for all

1 Children; and the *Inafa' Maolek* continue to provide services to crime victims  
2 and survivors; and

3 **WHEREAS**, while major progress has been made in protecting and  
4 supporting victims of crime, we must ensure that all victims and their  
5 survivors are treated with dignity and respect and given the resources to  
6 recover and be free from violence; and

7 **WHEREAS**, our island joins the Nation in recognizing the week of April  
8 22nd through 28th, 2007, as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" with the  
9 theme: "Victims' Rights: Every Victim, Every Time"; now, therefore, be it

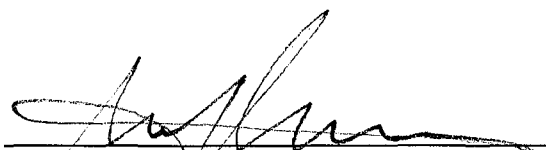
10 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*  
11 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
12 people of Guam, encourage our island to join the nation in honoring and  
13 valuing the lives of victims of crime and survivors for their ability to  
14 overcome obstacles and to restore their lives; 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, further commend the employees and volunteers of  
18 community-based organizations and government agencies who provide  
19 services and care for crime victims and survivors throughout the year; and be  
20 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 Office of  
24 the Attorney General Victim Witness *Ayuda* Services; to the Guam Police  
25 Department Criminal Investigation Section and Victim Assistance Unit; to the

1 Guam Fire Department; to the Department of Corrections Parole Services; to  
2 the Judiciary's Marshal and Probation Divisions; to the Catholic Social  
3 Services ALEE Shelter; to the Victim Advocates Reaching Out; to the Erica's  
4 House; to the Guam Legal Services Corporation; to the *Guma' Mami*, Inc.; to  
5 the Archdiocese of Hagåtña; to the Public Defender Service Corporation; to  
6 the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Healing Hearts Crisis  
7 Center; to the Department of Public Health and Social Services, Child and  
8 Adult Protective Services Divisions; to the Sanctuary, Inc.; to the Sexual  
9 Assault Victim Intervention Advocates; to the Andersen Family Advocacy  
10 Program; to the Navy Family Advocacy Committee; to the Superior Court of  
11 Guam Client Services and Family Counseling Division; to the Department of  
12 Youth Affairs; to the Governor's Office Community Outreach Federal  
13 Programs Office; to the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD); to the  
14 Office of the Public Guardian; to the Rainbows for all Children; to the *Inafa'*  
15 *Maolek*; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF MARCH 2007.**

  
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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker and  
Chairman, Executive Committee

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