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

Executive Committee Resolution No. 66

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Relative to calling on the people of Guam to observe the week of May 19-27, 2007 as "Safe Boating Week" and to commending the Guam Safe Boating 2007 Planning Committee for its continued efforts to raise awareness of boaters to "Boat Smart. Boat Safe. Wear It.", and to practice safe boating habits.

- 1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I
- 2 MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:
- 3 WHEREAS, Guam has been blessed with a vibrant ocean environment
- 4 that provides many leisure opportunities for its people. For generations,

1 recreational boating has been a favorite way to relax with family and friends;

2 and

WHEREAS, safe boating practices are extremely important to all citizens of Guam, because the lives of both boaters and non-boaters can be affected by accidents at sea. Each year, lives and property are needlessly lost in boating accidents, many of which result from a lack of basic knowledge of boating and ocean safety; and

WHEREAS, numerous government agencies, private groups, and community organizations promote safe boating practices to educate vessel operators about ocean safety principles by offering safe boating courses, conducting search and rescue missions, examining boats for safety equipment and participating in other activities to keep Guam waters safe; and

WHEREAS, each year, National Safe Boating Week is observed across the United States and Canada to spread a message of boating safety and encouraging boater education. Important safe boating practices include: knowing how to properly wear a life jacket; carrying proper safety equipment on board a vessel, including a VHF radio or Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacons; obtaining boating safety education; having a Vessel Safety Check; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, declares the week of May 19 – 27, 2007 to be "Safe Boating Week" and commends the Guam Safe Boating 2007 Planning Committee for

- 1 its continued efforts to raise awareness of boaters to "Boat Smart. Boat Safe.
- 2 Wear It." and to practice safe boating habits; and be it further
- 3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
- 4 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
- 5 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Mary
- 6 Torres, Chairperson of the 2007 "Safe Boating Week" Planning Committee; to
- 7 Mr. Robert M. Sajnovsky, Flotilla Commander of the United States Coast
- 8 Guard Auxiliary; to Captain William Marhoffer, Commander of the United
- 9 States Coast Guard Marianas Section; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo,
- 10 Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P.
- 11 Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 16^{TH}

DAY OF MAY 2007.

MARK FORBES

Speaker and

Chairman, Executive Committee

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Senator and

Secretary of the Legislature