

**I MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Ejec. Com.
Resolution No. 173 (EC)

Introduced by:

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Relative to declaring the days of 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 *Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* to the sponsors of the Guam Animals In Need clinic as well as the hard working volunteers and workers of GAIN for their commendable service to the community.

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

WHEREAS, cats and dogs provide companionship and share homes with thousands of individuals in Guam, and many of our island's residents treat their pets as members of the family; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, private citizens and sponsoring organizations have joined together with GAIN, Inc., to ensure the spaying and neutering of more than 3,500 companion animals during annual sterilization clinics in the past seven years, and are once again advocating the spaying and neutering of companion animals during an eight day clinic to be held from April 4 to April 11, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the island businesses and organizations that have joined with GAIN, Inc. to lend a hand in providing this valuable public service, include Continental Air Lines, Pacific Islands Club, Mark V. Pangilinan Enterprises, the Pacific Daily News, Budget Car Rental, DGX, Express Signs, GuamCell Communications, Island Equipment, Guam Navy Officers Spouses Club, and the HSC-25 Officers Spouses Club; and

WHEREAS, each business and organization assisting GAIN, Inc. deserves recognition and our island's sincere appreciation for helping to reduce our population of homeless animals, 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, designate April 3 to 11, 2008 as SPAY GUAM WEEK, and call upon the people of Guam to observe these eight days by having their own cats and/or dogs spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the spaying and/or neutering of another person's cat or dog; and be it further

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 extend a warm *Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* to the hard working volunteers and workers of Guam Animals In Need, Inc., for their exemplary service to the community by reducing the number of homeless animals by finding them homes and through other means; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to the Guam Animals In Need, Inc.; to Continental Air Lines; to the Pacific Islands Club; to Mark V. Pangilinan Enterprises; to the Pacific Daily News; to Budget Car Rental; to DGX; to Express Signs; to GuamCell Communications; to Island Equipment; to the Guam Navy Officers Spouses Club; to the HSC-25 Officers Spouses Club; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*, Governor of Guam.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ___ TH_ DAY
OF APRIL 2008.**