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I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 177

Introduced by:

Ray Tenorio 

Relative to recognizing the month of April 2008 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" to honoring sexual assault victims and to commending the employees of Government agencies and volunteers of private organizations for providing services and care to sexual assault victims.

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

3 WHEREAS, our island recognizes and addresses the presence of sexual
4 assault in our community to ensure that victims of this crime will no longer
5 suffer pain and loss; and

6 WHEREAS, victims and survivors of sexual assault deserve assistance to
7 help cope with the consequences of assault; and

8 WHEREAS, our island understands the importance of providing
9 services and support programs to sexual assault victims and survivors need
10 restoring their life through counseling, medical services, food and
11 transportation; and

12 WHEREAS, the Sexual Assault Coalition, under the leadership of
13 Healing Hearts Crisis Center of the Department of Mental Health and

1 Substance Abuse, has established partnerships between service organizations
2 and Government agencies to improve the quality of care for persons hurt by
3 sexual violence; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Healing Hearts Crisis Center has provided services such
5 as a 24-hour hotline for emergency calls, social work and counseling services,
6 comforting victims during medico-legal rape exams, and empowering victims
7 to begin healing; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Government agencies and private organizations encourage
9 victims and survivors through education, prevention, survivor empowerment,
10 and providing information to schools, churches, civic organizations, as well as
11 law enforcement, medical, mental health, education, and criminal justice
12 professionals; and

13 **WHEREAS**, our island community is encouraged to increase its
14 awareness and participation in an effort to rid our people of the tragedy of
15 sexual violence, to strengthen the community and to provide a safer
16 environment; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Guam joins the Nation in recognizing the month of April
18 2008 as 'Sexual Assault Awareness Month'; now, therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ñuebi Na*
20 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
21 people of Guam, honor sexual assault victims and survivors for surpassing
22 the obstacles and rebuilding their lives; and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
24 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, further commends the employees of

1 Government agencies and volunteers of private organizations who provide
2 services and care for sexual assault victims and survivors; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
4 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the employees and
5 volunteers of the Healing Hearts Crisis Center of the Department of Mental
6 Health and Substance Abuse and the Sexual Assault Coalition for educating
7 the community about sexual assault and supporting sexual assault victims
8 and survivors; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
10 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
11 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Healing
12 Hearts Crisis Center of the Department of Mental Health and Substance
13 Abuse; to the Department of Law; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
14 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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

JUDITH T. WON PAT
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature