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I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Exec. Com.
Resolution No. 185

Introduced by:

Ray Tenorio


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Relative to recognizing the American Cancer Society Guam Field Office for promoting cancer awareness through the "Relay For Life" and commending the hardworking community volunteers and corporate partners for coordinating, promoting and making this annual event a success.

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

3 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life" has become
4 one of the most successful charitable events nationwide for over twenty (20)
5 years; and

6 WHEREAS, it was in the mid 1980's that Dr. Gordy Klatt, a Tacoma
7 Colorectal Surgeon, decided to raise money for the fight against cancer by
8 doing something he loved – running marathons; and

9 WHEREAS, in May of 1985, Dr. Klatt raised his first Twenty-seven
10 Thousand Dollars (\$27,000) for the fight against cancer by running and
11 walking a total of eighty-three (83) miles within twenty-four (24) hours at
12 Baker Stadium in Tacoma, Washington; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Klatt subsequently created a small committee to plan
14 the first such relay team event, known as the "City of Destiny Classic 24-hour
15 Run Against Cancer" which, in 1986, with nineteen (19) teams participating at

1 the historic Stadium Bowl, raised Thirty-three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000);
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society’s “Relay For Life” involves all
4 facets of the community throughout the nation, including businesses,
5 government agencies, individuals, and youth groups in one goal: to
6 remember those who have lost the battle to cancer and to celebrate the brave
7 men, women, and children who have survived cancer and continue to fight
8 for a cure; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 2005, our island youth produced thirty-four (34) teams to
10 participate in the “Youth Relay For Life”, that grossed over Thirty-three
11 Thousand Dollars (\$33,000) and which preceded the “Relay For Life” that
12 featured than sixty (60) teams and grossed over Two Hundred Twenty-eight
13 Thousand Dollars (\$228,000); and

14 **WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society Guam Field Office mainly
15 employs volunteers, and the money it raises is used for research, education,
16 advocacy, and services to patients; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the success of the American Cancer Society’s “Relay For
18 Life” is due to the Team Captains who motivate their groups and the
19 hundreds of community volunteers and numerous corporate sponsors and
20 benefactors whose generous contribution of time, energy, love and money
21 helps to lead our community toward a future where cancer may one day not
22 be a threat to the lives of our friends and family; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society encourages a healthy life style
2 through physical activity and proper nutrition in order to prevent cancer and
3 save lives; now, therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
5 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and extend a heartfelt *Si*
6 *Yu'os Ma'ase'* to the American Cancer Society Guam Field Office for
7 promoting cancer awareness through the "Relay For Life" and for its
8 dedication to finding a cure, honoring cancer survivors, and remembering
9 those who have lost their lives; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
11 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the Team
12 Captains for their hard work and commitment to ensuring the success of this
13 event; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
15 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
16 thereafter transmitted to Christina Noket, Community Manager-Development
17 of the American Cancer Society Guam Field Office; and to the Honorable Felix
18 P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

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

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature