

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 259

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing November 2008 as “Sanctuary, Inc. Month” and commending the Board of Directors, staff and supporters of Sanctuary, Inc. for their contributions on the occasion of its Thirty-Seventh (37th) Anniversary.

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

3 WHEREAS, while government can provide much support for children and
4 youth, it cannot provide the love a child needs. Thirty-seven years ago, the need to
5 provide services to runaway, homeless and troubled youth was made a reality by
6 Father Robert Phelps and Mr. Luis Martinez. They recognized the necessity for
7 children and youth oriented programs and services on our island; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1971, a tax exempt organization whose primary mission is
9 “Helping Youth and Families Help Themselves,” was incorporated with the
10 government of Guam; and

11 WHEREAS, since its creation, Sanctuary, Incorporated has remained at the
12 forefront of providing comprehensive services to runaway, homeless, and troubled
13 children and youth and their families. Throughout the years, Sanctuary, Incorporated
14 has continually expanded their programs to better address the needs of our island’s
15 children who confront issues such as physical and emotional abuse, sexual abuse,

1 gang involvement, negative peer pressure and substance abuse. Sanctuary
2 Incorporated has created an environment that instills important values, builds strong
3 character, and provides sound education for our children and youth. With a firm
4 foundation, our children and youth will be better able to face the challenges of the
5 future; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in 1987, the Board of Directors of Sanctuary, Inc. worked
7 enthusiastically to provide support programs that now include a twenty-four (24) hour
8 Crisis Hotline, Co-ed Emergency Shelter Facilities, a Transitional Living Program, a
9 Parent Support Group, Parenting Skills Classes, a Community Outreach Prevention
10 Education & Development (COPEd), Drug & Alcohol Support Groups, Tobacco
11 Cessation and Self-Esteem Groups for Youth, Youth & Adult Anger Management
12 Groups, the *Fan Macho'cho* Economic Development Project, the AmeriCorps
13 Program and *Sagan Na'Homlo*, the only residential drug and alcohol treatment
14 program for youth in the Western Pacific; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in 1987 the Board of Directors of Sanctuary, Incorporated,
16 recognized the need for youth participation in all facets of the organization. As a
17 result, the YES (Youth Embracing Sanctuary) Crew was established. The YES Crew,
18 comprised of former clients and various policy making committees, helps with the
19 fundraising activities, and serves as a source of peer counselors and facilitators; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Sanctuary has instilled values, built character and provided
21 education for the youth and their families, while at the same time, encouraging island
22 residents to join in various seminars and conferences throughout the month of
23 November to help educate others about Sanctuary's services; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in July 2008, Sanctuary was granted a full three-year national
25 accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, also
26 known as CARF; now, therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
3 of Guam, in recognition of Sanctuary, Incorporated's Thirty-seventh (37th)
4 Anniversary of service to the people of Guam does hereby commend and congratulate
5 the management and staff of Sanctuary, Incorporated; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, the Speaker and members of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* humbly
7 request *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, to proclaim the month of
8 November, 2008, as Sanctuary Incorporated Month." Together, we salute the staff,
9 adult and youth volunteers, sponsors, and the Board of Directors of Sanctuary for their
10 selfless dedication. Through their efforts, we see the hope of our Island. As island
11 leaders, we call upon our citizenry to observe the Month of November with
12 appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
14 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
15 of Guam, commend and congratulate the Board of Directors, staff and supporters of
16 Sanctuary, Inc. for their contributions; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee
18 certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that
19 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Chairman and members of the Board of
20 Directors; to the staff and supporters of Sanctuary, Incorporated; to the Executive
21 Director, Sanctuary, Incorporated; to the Honorable Jose T. Terlaje, President of the
22 Mayors' Council of Guam; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate
23 to the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren*
24 *Guåhan*.