

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 13 (LS)  
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RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF  
JANUARY 30 TO FEBRUARY 6, 2005 AS GUAM  
ANIMAL IN NEED'S (GAIN'S) "SPAY AND  
NEUTER WEEK" AND ALSO RECOGNIZING  
THE MANY INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS  
AND CORPORATIONS THAT ARE DONATING  
THEIR TIME, EFFORT AND MONEY IN  
SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM.

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

3 WHEREAS, cats and dogs provide companionship for and share the  
4 homes of many Guam residents, many of these pets considered as  
5 members of their respective families; and

6 WHEREAS, unfortunately a large number of cats and dogs have no  
7 homes or are considered by their owners to be "outside" animals, being  
8 allowed to roam freely, producing hundreds of unwanted puppies and  
9 kittens each year; and

10 WHEREAS, although Guam Animals In Need (GAIN) accepts  
11 unwanted dogs, cats, puppies and kittens each year, limited space and  
12 resources necessitates that 90% to 95% of the animals received at the shelter  
13 must be euthanized; and

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1           **WHEREAS**, the problem of pet over-population costs Guam  
2 taxpayers thousands of dollars annually through animal control programs,  
3 health care problems associated with bites and allergies, as well as cleaning  
4 up the unhealthy litter problem that uncontrolled animals cause when they  
5 knock over trash cans and dig through peoples' refuse; and

6           **WHEREAS**, spaying and neutering of cats and dogs has been shown  
7 to drastically reduce the cat and dog over-population; and

8           **WHEREAS**, veterinarians, Guam Animals In Need, private  
9 enterprises, government agencies, and private citizens have joined together  
10 to advocate the spaying and neutering of companion animals during the  
11 animal sterilization clinic January 30-February 6, 2005, now, therefore, be it

12           **RESOLVED**, that I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does  
13 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, greet and recognize the week of  
14 January 30 to February 6, 2005 as GAIN's "Spay And Neuter Week," and  
15 salute the selfless and largely volunteer work of GAIN in helping to control  
16 the growth in number of unwanted pets in Guam, and be it further

17           **RESOLVED** that I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does  
18 further encourage all elected officials to join with GAIN and observe this  
19 week by having their own cats or dogs spayed or neutered or sponsoring  
20 the spaying or neutering of an unwanted animal at GAIN as good  
21 examples for the entire community to emulate, and be it further

22           **RESOLVED** that I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does  
23 further recognize the following individuals, organizations and  
24 corporations that have made this event possible: GAIN staff and  
25 volunteers, Andersen Air Force Base Volunteers with Spay Week  
26 Coordinator, Monika Crummett, Dr. Rebecca L. Diaz, Isla Veterinary  
27 Clinic, Northwest Airlines, Matson Navigation, Guam Surgicenter, Island  
28 Equipment, GuamCell, Cost-U-Less, Guam Tropical Dive Station, Avis,

1           Micronesian Goldsmith, South Pacific Petroleum Corporation,  
2 Tropical Shine and Fence Masters, and be it further

3           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary  
4 attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter  
5 transmitted to Guam Animals in Need and to the Honorable Felix P.  
6 Camacho, I Maga'lahañ Guåhan.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO  
NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY  
2005.**

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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker

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Senator and Secretary of the Legislature