




**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2006 (SECOND) Regular Session**

Resolution No. 140 (LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing April 23 through 29, 2006 as "Crime Victims' Rights Week" and to honor crime victims and to commend the employees and volunteers of community-based organizations and the employees of government agencies who continue to provide services and care for crime victims and survivors throughout the year.

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

WHEREAS, since April 1981, America has annually recognized the needs and rights of crime victims and survivors during 'National Crime Victims' Rights Week'; and

WHEREAS, the people of Guam acknowledge the pain, suffering, and loss that crime victims endure along with family member, and friends who have been harmed by the acts of others through no fault of their own; and

WHEREAS, victims of crime from across the nation deserve assistance to help cope with the consequences of crime; and

WHEREAS, numerous employees and volunteers of community-based organizations and government agencies demonstrate their care and compassion

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for victims of crime, from an individual who provides support to a victim, to entire communities working together to deliver comprehensive services for victims of violence against men, women, and children, to our entire nation's response to the victims of the terrorist attacks on Oklahoma City and New York City on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, our island values the importance of support programs and services to crime victims and survivors, many of whom seek to regain self-dignity and recover from the aftermath of crime by restoring normalcy through counseling, medical services, food, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, over 10,000 community-based and justice system programs with more than 32,000 federal and state statutes that define and protect the rights of crime victims and survivors continues to be a major role in helping victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, community-based organizations and government agencies advocate for and support crime victims and survivors to improve crime victims' rights, by providing services and treatment through entities such as the Crime Victims' Response Unit of the Department of Law, Criminal Investigation Section and Victim Assistance Unit of the Guam Police Department, the Guam Fire Department, Parole Services of the Department of Corrections, the Marshal and Probation Division of the Superior Court of Guam, ALEE Shelter of Catholic Social Services, Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO), Erica's House, Guam Legal Services Corporation, *Guma' Mami*, Inc., Healing Hearts Crisis Center of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Child Protective Service Division and Adult Protective

Services Division of the Department of Public Health & Social Services, Sanctuary, Inc., the Sexual Assault Victim Intervention Advocates, the Andersen Family Advocacy Program, the Navy Family Advocacy Committee, Client Services & Family Counseling Center of the Superior Court of Guam, the Department of Youth Affairs, Community Outreach Federal Programs Office from the Office of the Governor, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Public Defender's Corporation, the Office of the Public Guardian, Rainbows for All Children, and *Ina'fa Maolek*; and

WHEREAS, we must fulfill our commitment to crime victims and survivors by treating them with compassion and respect, protecting their rights to be free from violence, and fostering a safe environment to live life peacefully; and

WHEREAS, our island community joins the nation in recognizing the week of April 23 through 29, 2006 as "Crime Victims' Rights Week" with the theme, 'Victims' Rights-Strength in Unity'; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, honor and value the lives of crime victims and survivors for their ability to surpass their obstacles to restore their lives; and be it further

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, further commend the employees and volunteers of community-based organizations and government agencies who constantly provide services and care for crime victims and survivors during the

week of "Crime Victims' Rights Week", and throughout the year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Crime Victims' Response Unit of the Department of Law, Criminal Investigation Section and Victim Assistance Unit of the Guam Police Department, the Guam Fire Department, Parole Services of the Department of Corrections, the Marshal and Probation Division of the Superior Court of Guam, ALEE Shelter of Catholic Social Services, Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO), Erica's House, Guam Legal Services Corporation, *Guma' Mami*, Inc., Healing Hearts Crisis Center of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Child Protective Service Division and Adult Protective Services Division of the Department of Public Health & Social Services, Sanctuary, Inc., the Sexual Assault Victim Intervention Advocates, the Andersen Family Advocacy Program, the Navy Family Advocacy Committee, Client Services & Family Counseling Center of the Superior Court of Guam, the Department of Youth Affairs, Community Outreach Federal Programs Office from the Office of the Governor, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Public Defender's Corporation, the Office of the Public Guardian, Rainbows for All Children, and *Ina'fa Maolek*; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF APRIL, 2006.

MARK FORBES
Speaker
Executive Committee Chairman

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Senator
Secretary of the Legislature