

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

Resolution No. 144 (LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the American Cancer Society Guam Chapter for promoting the awareness of cancer through the Relay For Life, honoring and celebrating cancer survivors, remembering those whom have lost their lives, and to further promote the continuing effort to find a cure.

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

**WHEREAS**, in the mid 1980's Dr. Gordy Klatt, a Tacoma colorectal surgeon, wanted to enhance the income of his local American Cancer Society Office during which he decided to personally raise money for the fight against cancer by doing something he loved – running marathons; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 1985, Dr. Gordy Klatt spent a grueling twenty-four hours running and walking over eighty-three (83) miles of track at Baker Stadium in Tacoma, Washington in which he raised the first twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) to fight cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, months after circling the track for twenty-four hours he pulled together a small committee to plan the first team Relay event known as the City of Destiny Classic 24-hour Run Against Cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1986, Dr. Klatt organized the first Relay event with

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nineteen (19) teams participating at the colorful and historical Stadium Bowl, raising thirty-three thousand dollars (\$33,000); and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life has become one of the most successful events by engaging community support over twenty (20) years across the nation and here on Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, businesses, government agencies and individuals participate in the Relay For Life evening event to remember those who lost their lives to cancer and celebrate those who have survived the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, thirty four (34) teams participated in Youth Relay For Life in 2005, grossing over thirty-three thousand dollars (\$33,000) and more than sixty (60) teams participated during the Community Relay For Life in 2005, netting over two hundred twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$228,000); and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society Guam Field Office is largely made up of volunteers and monies raised are used for research, education, advocacy and services to patients; and

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

**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and extend a heart felt *Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to the American Cancer Society Guam Field Office for promoting the awareness of cancer through the Relay For Life and for its dedication to find a cure, honoring and celebrating cancer survivors, and remembering those whom have lost their lives; 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 Ms. Elaine Low, Executive Director of the American Cancer Society Guam Field Office; 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 MAY, 2006.**

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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker and  
Executive Committee Chairman

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**EDWARD J.B. CALVO**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature