




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

Resolution No. 192(LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the month of September 2006 as 'International Coastal Cleanup Month' and September 16, 2006 as the Twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) Annual Guam International Coastal Cleanup and commending the sponsors' and volunteers' efforts to reduce trash along Guam coastlines.

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

**WHEREAS**, in 1986, the state of Texas initiated the cleanup of trash along their beaches in efforts to reduce pollution and the other negative effects brought on by the unsightly and unhealthy problem; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ocean Conservancy (formerly the Center for Marine Conservancy) in Washington, D.C. decided to record the amount of trash collected for research purposes eventually leading to international environmental laws; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Coastal Cleanup grew from statewide, to nationwide, later evolving into an international event,

including islands in Micronesia, to participate in the long-term solution to reduce the trash; and

**WHEREAS**, information gathered during annual international cleanups has been used in developing the international MARPOL (Marine Pollution) regulations that now prohibit the discharge of plastics and restricts all other dumping into the marine environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Scott Wetter of the United States Coast Guard Marine Safety Office, and Mr. Dave Duenas formerly of the Bureau of Planning, Guam Coastal Management Program, organized the first International Coastal Cleanup Committee meeting on August 3, 1995 to stimulate public awareness and interest to support Guam's initial participation in this worthwhile project; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Coastal Cleanup Committee is comprised of members from agencies of the United States Government, the Government of Guam, and local business entities; and

**WHEREAS**, Guam first participated in the International Coastal Cleanup for the first time on October 14, 1995 and drew approximately four hundred fifty (450) volunteers whom cleaned Ylig Bay, Agat Marina to Inn on the Bay, and Dungca's Beach with the collection of thirty four thousand one hundred seventy-two (34,172) pieces of trash totaling eight thousand five hundred thirty-

seven (8,537) pounds and recycling four hundred sixty-seven (467) pounds of aluminum cans; and

**WHEREAS**, Guam participated for the second time in the International Coastal Cleanup on September 21, 1996, with more than seven hundred (700) volunteers cleaning the same sites and adding three (3) dive sites, Dog Leg reef, Family Beach and Sea Plane Ramp, collecting and recording thirty seven thousand nine hundred twenty (37,920) pieces of trash totaling thirteen thousand two hundred sixty (13,260) pounds, and recycled four hundred seven (407) pounds of aluminum; and

**WHEREAS**, in the past nine (9) years the Guam International Coastal Cleanup has brought more than six thousand (6,000) volunteers together to clean six (6) sites and collect more than one hundred eighty thousand (180,000) pieces of trash throughout the island waters; and

**WHEREAS**, September, 2004 marked the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary of the Guam International Coastal Cleanup during which a total of fourteen (14) sites were cleaned with three (3) dive sites scoured for trash for a combined total of fifteen thousand one hundred ninety-three (15,193) pounds of trash collected; and

**WHEREAS**, despite heavy rains in 2005, a record number of volunteers made their way to various sites that covered approximately between eighty (80) to eighty-five (85) percent of the

island beaches picking up a recorded twenty thousand five hundred ninety-three (20,593) pounds of trash, the most ever picked up in any other coastal cleanup event on Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued success of the Guam International Coastal Cleanup could not have been possible without the support of entities such as the Guam Visitors Bureau, Bureau of Statistics and Plans, UnderWater World, Micronesian Divers Association, Ambros, Inc., Lagu Sanitation, Morrico Equipment, Guahan Waste, Pacific Waters, Sunny Wholesale, Foremost Crystal Clear, Coca Cola Beverage Company (Guam), Inc., Fisheye Marine Park, Balli Steel Guam, Guam Community College, Tri-Vision Media, GuamCell Communications, Pacific Daily News, George Washington High School Marine Mania, University of Guam Marine Laboratory, Tamuning Mayor's Office, Dededo Mayor's Office, Agat Mayor's Office, Umatac Mayor's Office, Merizo Mayor's Office, Inarajan Mayor's Office, Yona Mayor's Office, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, United States Navy, Andersen Air Force Base, Western Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Council, Department of Parks and Recreation, Guam Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Public Works, Office of the Governor, and the Guam Coastal Management Program; and

**WHEREAS**, September 16, 2006 will mark the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) annual Guam International Coastal Cleanup and the people of Guam

are encouraged to take part in maintaining the shores so our future generations and visitors will appreciate the cleanliness of our island beaches; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the month of September 2006 as 'International Coastal Cleanup Month' and September 16, 2006 as the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) annual Guam International Coastal Cleanup; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the many sponsors and volunteers for participating in their efforts to reduce the amount of trash along the coastlines of Guam; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Visitors Bureau; Bureau of Statistics and Plans; UnderWater World; Micronesian Divers Association; Ambros, Inc.; Lagu Sanitation; Morrico Equipment; Guahan Waste; Pacific Waters; Sunny Wholesale; Foremost Crystal Clear; Coca Cola Beverage Company (Guam), Inc.; Fisheye Marine Park; Balli Steel Guam; Guam Community College; Tri-Vision Media; GuamCell Communications; Pacific Daily News; George Washington High

School Marine Mania; University of Guam Marine Laboratory; Tamuning Mayor's Office; Dededo Mayor's Office; Agat Mayor's Office; Umatac Mayor's Office; Merizo Mayor's Office; Inarajan Mayor's Office; Yona Mayor's Office; United States Coast Guard Auxiliary; United States Navy; Andersen Air Force Base; Western Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Council; Department of Parks and Recreation; Guam Environmental Protection Agency; Department of Public Works; Office of the Governor; the Guam Coastal Management Program; the Coastal Cleanup Committee; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2006.**

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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker

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