

*I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
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Resolution No. 198(LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the month of September 2006 as 'National Preparedness Month', commending the men and women of Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense for receiving national recognition for Guam's preparedness efforts, and encouraging all island residents to develop a Family Disaster Plan, a Disaster Supply Kit, as well as participate in programs available to better prepare our island all year round.

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

**WHEREAS**, this year more than one thousand one hundred fifty (1,150) national, regional, state and local organizations have joined forces with the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to encourage all Americans to take basic steps to prepare themselves and their families for any possible emergency that may occur; and

**WHEREAS**, Guam's Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense emphasizes the importance of emergency preparedness during this September by hosting a series of activities and workshops in the

different villages around the island giving families, business entities and schools an opportunity to work toward a well prepared community; and

**WHEREAS**, while our island community remains vulnerable to natural disasters including typhoons, earthquakes, floods, fires and droughts, mankind has self-imposed dangers of hazardous material incidents, acts of terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction, and the threat of war continues to threaten our peaceful existence; and

**WHEREAS**, national organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America, The Council of Better Business Bureaus, National Volunteer Fire Council, Home Depot, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty for Animals, American Red Cross, DHS and coalition members are highlighting the different types of family emergency kits, plans and emergencies that may affect the community in which they live in; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of 'National Preparedness Month' is to educate Americans about the importance of emergency preparedness and encourage individuals to take action; and

**WHEREAS**, while there is still a long way to go to ensure all Americans have taken steps to be prepared for emergencies, there are indications of progress; and

**WHEREAS**, a study conducted in June by the Advertising Council on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security's Ready Campaign recorded from 2004 to 2006 a significant positive increase in preparedness behavior such as assembling emergency kits and creating family emergency plans as well as searching for more information on preparedness; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense, in collaboration with agencies from the Government of Guam, federal, military, and private emergency response organizations, strive to protect the people of Guam, its environment and property; and

**WHEREAS**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* urges all government instrumentalities, non-profit organizations, the media, business entities, and island residents to develop a Family Disaster Plan, Disaster Supply Kits and participate in programs available, to make our collective preparedness efforts the priority that is should be all year round; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, the *I Mina'bente Ocho Na Lihelsaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize the month of September 2006 as 'National Preparedness Month' encouraging all island residents to develop a Family Disaster Plan, Disaster Supply Kits, as well as participate in programs available to better prepare our island all year round; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the *I Mina'bente Ocho Na Lihelsaturan Guåhan* does hereby on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, commend the men and women of Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense for its national recognition for Guam's preparedness efforts; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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

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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker

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**EDWARD J. B. CALVO**  
Senator and Legislative Secretary