

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

Resolution No. 202(LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to observing the week of October 8th through the 14th, 2006 'Fire Prevention Week', with the theme: 'Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat', in conjunction with the National Fire Protection Association, and commending the dedicated men and women of the Guam Fire Department, Andersen Air Force Base Fire Department and Federal Fire Department who continue to help maintain the safety and well being of our island.

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

WHEREAS, cooking equipment was involved in one hundred eighteen thousand seven hundred (118,700) reported structure fires, the largest share for any major cause, in which seventy-five thousand three hundred (75,300) were reported as fires confined to the interior of a cooking device or appliance in 2003; and

WHEREAS, cooking equipment structure fires in homes resulted in two hundred fifty (250) civilian deaths, three thousand

eight hundred eighty (3,880) civilian injuries and five hundred twelve million dollars (\$512 million) in direct property damage in 2003; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the one hundred eighteen thousand seven hundred (118,700) home structure fires involving cooking equipment, there were an estimated three thousand seven hundred (3,700) reported outdoor home grill fires in 2003; and

WHEREAS, statistics show that the leading factor in home cooking fires is equipment unattended, in which one-third of home cooking structure fires, excluding confined fires, and two-fifths of associated civilian deaths, followed by combustibles too close to heat source and unintentionally turning on or not turning off the device; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Fire Department in conjunction with Guam International Airport Fire Rescue, Department of Agriculture Forestry Division, Federal Fire Department and the Andersen Air Force Base Fire Department encourages the island community to join in the activities scheduled throughout the month of October; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme: 'Prevent Cooking Fires; Watch What You Heat' is aimed at informing the community that more fires start in the kitchen than in any other part of the home and teaching families and kids how to keep cooking fires from starting in the first place; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the week of October 8th through the 14th, 2006 as 'Fire Prevention Week,' with the theme: "Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat!" and encourages all citizens to promote safety when cooking in their homes; 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 dedicated men and women of the Guam Fire Department who help to maintain the safety and well being of our island; 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 Acting Fire Chief George D. Aquino, Guam Fire Department; Fire Chief John M. Thompson, Andersen Air Force Base Fire Department; Fire Chief Ed Terlaje, Federal Fire Department; to Amy Lebeau, Public Education Communications Manager for the National Fire Protection Association; 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 OCTOBER, 2006.

MARK FORBES
Speaker

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