

**I MINA'BENTE O'CHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2005 (FIRST) Regular Session**

Resolution No. 21(45)

Introduced by:

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Relative to honoring, commending and congratulating the Guam Crime Stoppers Program on their 20th Anniversary and extending a heartfelt *Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* for all their dedication, contribution and support in keeping our island and our people safe and in working together with our community to accomplish their mission statement in "Working Together To Solve Crime"

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**
2 ***MINA'BENTE O'CHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS,** the Guam Crime Stoppers Program began in 1985 with a
4 Mission Statement to develop Crime Stoppers as an effective crime-solving
5 organization on Guam, with the primary objective of this tri-partite
6 organization, Community, Media and Law Enforcement, being "WORKING
7 TOGETHER TO SOLVE CRIME"; and

8 **WHEREAS,** their objectives are:

- 9 a. Assisting law enforcement agencies in the apprehension and
10 conviction of criminals, recovery of stolen property and illegal
11 narcotics,
12 b. Training and advising law enforcement personnel and others who
13 participate in the program.

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1 c. Help motivate the public to cooperate with law enforcement
2 agencies.

3 d. Stimulating and encourage the flow of information to, among and
4 between various law enforcement agencies.

5 e. Creating and circulating films, videos, sound tapes and printed
6 material and crime prevention and Crime Stoppers; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Crime Stoppers is a community Program supported by
8 donation of money, goods or services. Contributions from individuals, private
9 sources, corporations, clubs, professional associations, retailers, civic and
10 social groups, keeps the Crime Stoppers program functional. Since Crime
11 Stoppers is a charitable organization, all donations are tax exempt; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Crime Stoppers does not use any government or tax dollars
13 for solving crimes. Crime Stoppers is a partnership between the Public, News
14 Media and Law Enforcement. The role of the media in the partnership is to
15 publicize unsolved crimes, advertise designated TIP numbers and help the
16 program gain exposures. Guam media partners have been extremely
17 supportive of Crime Stoppers; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the main function of Law Enforcement in the Crime
19 Stoppers is investigating the TIPS information. The investigators also update
20 the organization regarding the status of a case, such as the number of arrest or
21 recovered narcotics and stolen property. Law enforcement officers can act as
22 advisors to the board as well; however, they are not voting members of the
23 Crime Stoppers Board; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Citizens are responsible for forming a Crime Stoppers non-
2 profit corporation, whose directors establish policy, determine the amount
3 and method of reward, work closely with law enforcement & media, and
4 generally oversee the program. The directors are also responsible for fund
5 raising. Directors serve on the board as volunteers; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Students Crime Stoppers started in 1990 here in Guam, in
7 the middle and high schools. This program is designed to have cases be dealt
8 with in a school setting designed by the administrators wherever possible.
9 The cases handled are only those that happen within school premises or at
10 school events. In most cases it is the principal's discretion whether or not to
11 involve the Police. The idea is deal with the issue quickly and fairly in the
12 school community and to possibly avoid putting youth in an already crowded
13 justice system; and

14 **WHEREAS**, every school with a Student Crime Stoppers program has
15 their own respective Student board who is responsible for implementing the
16 program in their school. They publicize the crime, keep records for their
17 schools, decide if there is to be a reward paid, and how much. They also
18 communicate with the island Crime Stoppers coordinator, who arranges for
19 reward payments as per instructions of the student board, and

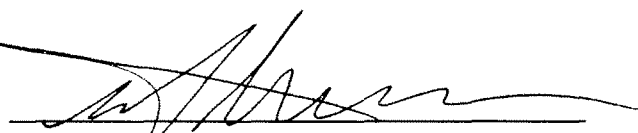
20 **WHEREAS**, each week the Crime Stoppers coordinator selects an
21 unsolved crime and sends all the details and description regarding this crime
22 to all participating media organization for broad casting & publication. In
23 most cases these crime scripts are used as a regular Crime Stoppers feature
24 and in some as story narration; now therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente O'cho Na*
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
3 people of Guam, honor, commend and congratulate the Guam Crime
4 Stoppers Program on their 20th Anniversary and extending a heartfelt
5 *Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* for all their dedication, contribution and support
6 in keeping our island and people safe and in working together with our
7 community to accomplish their mission statement in " Working Together To
8 Solve Crime "; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
10 Committee certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof
11 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Crime Stoppers
12 Program; to the Honorable Phillip F. Carbullido, Chief Justice, of the Supreme
13 Court of Guam; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of
14 Congress, U. S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Felix P.
15 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF I MINA'BENTE O'CHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE
____TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2005.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker/Chairman, Executive Committee



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Legislative Secretary