

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

~~Executive Committee~~

Resolution No. 31 (cc)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing April 10 through 16, 2005 as "Crime Victims' Rights Week" and to honor crime victims and to extend a *un Dângkolo' na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to employees and volunteers of community-based and government organizations and volunteers who provide service and care for crime victims throughout the year.

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

3 WHEREAS, the people of Guam acknowledge the suffering, struggles,
4 and loss that crime victims endure and that these victims are family members,
5 friends, neighbors and co-workers who have been harmed by crime through no
6 fault of their own; and

7 WHEREAS, communities across the nation have demonstrated a
8 collective concern crime victims' rights to participate in justice processes
9 through access to specific information, adequate protection, reasonable
10 restitution and to be heard in certain venues; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, we also value many of the important programs and services
2 that help crime victims regain self-dignity, obtain safe housing, food,
3 transportation, counseling, medical services and support for their children; and

4 **WHEREAS**, community and government-based organizations
5 advocate for and support crime victims to improve crime victims' rights,
6 providing services and treatment and establishing a more just community
7 through entities such as the Office of the Attorney General's Crime Victims'
8 Response Unit, Catholic Social Services ALEE Shelter, Victim Advocates
9 Reaching Out (VARO), the Guam Police Department Victim Assistance Unit,
10 Erica's House, Sanctuary, the Public Defender's Corporation, Guam Legal
11 Services Corporation, *Guma' Mami*, Inc., the Department of Mental Health
12 Healing Hearts Crisis Center, the Department of Public Health & Social
13 Services Child Protective Services Division and Adult Protective Services
14 Division, the Sexual Assault Victim Intervention Advocates, the Andersen
15 Family Advocacy Program, the Superior Court of Guam Client Services &
16 Family Counseling Center, the Superior Court Marshal and Probation Division,
17 the Department of Youth Affairs, the Guam Fire Department, the Governor's
18 Community Outreach Federal Programs Office, Mothers Against Drunk
19 Driving (MADD), the Department of Corrections Parole Services, the Office of
20 the Public Guardian, Rainbows for All Children, and *Ina'fa Maolek*; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam recognize crime victims' needs and
22 rights and their survivors' right to be free from violence, to be safe in their own
23 homes, to live in peace and pursue liberty and justice; and

1 **WHEREAS**, our island community joins the nation in recognizing the
2 week of April 10 through 16, 2005 as “Crime Victims’ Rights Week” with the
3 theme, ‘Justice Isn’t Served Until Crime Victims Are’; now therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED** that *I Mina’Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
5 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, honor crime victims and those
6 organizations and individuals who serve them throughout the year during
7 “Crime Victims’ Rights Week,” and that as individuals, communities, and as an
8 island, we continue to value crime victims and survivors and justice in our
9 nation that includes and involves crime victims; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
11 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be
12 thereafter transmitted to the Attorney General’s Crime Victims’ Response Unit;
13 to the Catholic Social Services ALEE Shelter; to Victim Advocates Reaching Out
14 (VARO); the Guam Police Department Victim Assistance Unit; to Erica’s
15 House; to Sanctuary; to the Public Defender’s Corporation; to Guam Legal
16 Services Corporation; *Guma’ Mami, Inc.*; to the Department of Mental Health
17 Healing Hearts Crisis Center; to the Department of Public Health & Social
18 Services Child Protective Services Division and Adult Protective Services
19 Division; to the Sexual Assault Victim Intervention Advocates; to the Andersen
20 Family Advocacy Program; to the Superior Court of Guam Client Services &
21 Family Counseling Center; to the Superior Court of Guam Marshal and
22 Probation Division; to the Department of Youth Affairs; to the Guam Fire
23 Department; to the Governor’s Community Outreach Federal Programs Office;
24 to the Office of the Public Guardian; to Rainbows for All Children; to *Ina’fa*

- 1 *Maolek*; to Attorney General Douglas B. Moylan; and to the Honorable Felix P.
- 2 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 11th DAY OF APRIL, 2005.

MARK FORBES
Speaker
Executive Committee Chairman

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Senator
Secretary of the Legislature