


I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 46 ^{EC} (LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing April 2005 as "Sexual Assault Month" and to honor crime victims and to extend a *un Dångkolo' na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to employees and volunteers of community-based, and government organizations, and volunteers who provide service and care for sexual assault victims and sexual assault survivors 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 sexual assault victims and sexual assault survivors endure and
5 that these victims are family members and friends, neighbors, and co-workers
6 who have been harmed by this intolerable violent crime through no fault of
7 their own with serious public health implications; and

8 WHEREAS, no one person, organization, agency or community can
9 eliminate sexual assault, our island community must steadfastly work towards
10 an extensive education campaign on preventing sexual assault; support sexual
11 assault victims and sexual assault survivors and their significant others; and

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1 increase support for agencies providing services to victims and sexual assault
2 survivors; and

3 **WHEREAS**, we also value many of the important programs and services
4 that help victims of sexual assault and sexual assault survivors regain self-
5 dignity, obtain safe housing, food, transportation, counseling, medical services
6 and support for their children; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Healing Hearts Crisis Center has been instrumental in
8 addressing sexual assault by providing a 24-hour hotline service for victims
9 and sexual assault survivors and their significant others; responding to
10 emergency calls; offering comfort and support to sexual assault victims during
11 medical examinations, criminal proceedings, and empowering the victims to
12 chart their own course for healing; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Healing Hearts Crisis Center encourages active public
14 and private collaborative effort to end sexual assault on Guam by Speaking Out
15 Against Sexual Violence through dialogue on prevention; crucial counseling
16 and support services for survivors; and

17 **WHEREAS**, staff and volunteers of community and government-based
18 organizations advocate for and support victims of sexual assault to improve
19 victims' rights; providing prevention education and survivor empowerment
20 information to schools, churches, civic organizations, as well as medical, mental
21 health, law enforcement, education and criminal justice personnel services; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam recognize sexual assault victims' and
23 sexual assault survivors' needs and rights and their right to be free from

1 violence, to be safe in their own homes, to live in peace, pursue liberty and
2 justice; and

3 **WHEREAS**, our island community joins the nation in recognizing the
4 month of April 2005 as "Sexual Assault Month"; now therefore, be it

5 **RESOLVED** that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
6 hereby, on behalf of the people of **Guam**, honor crime victims and those
7 organizations and individuals who serve them throughout the year during
8 "Sexual Assault Month," and that as individuals, communities, and as an
9 island, we continue to value sexual assault victims and sexual assault survivors,
10 and to value justice in our nations that includes and involves sexual assault
11 victims and sexual assault survivors; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Legislative Secretary
13 attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter
14 transmitted to the Healing Hearts; to Attorney General Douglas B. Moylan; and
15 to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

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

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Speaker
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Senator
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