

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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Relative to recognizing the week of January 30 to February 6, 2005 as Guam Animal In Need's (GAIN's) "Spay And Neuter Week", and also to recognizing the many individuals, organizations and corporations that are donating their time, effort and money in support of this program.

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

2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, cats and dogs provide companionship for and share the
4 homes of many Guam residents, and many of these pets are considered
5 members of their respective families; and

1 **WHEREAS**, unfortunately a large number of cats and dogs have no
2 homes or are considered by their owners to be “outside” animals, being
3 allowed to roam freely, producing hundreds of unwanted puppies and kittens
4 each year; and

5 **WHEREAS**, although Guam Animals In Need (GAIN) accepts
6 unwanted dogs, cats, puppies and kittens each year, limited space and
7 resources necessitate that ninety percent (90%) to ninety-five percent (95%) of
8 the animals received at the shelter must be euthanized; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the problem of pet over-population costs Guam taxpayers
10 thousands of dollars annually through animal control programs, health care
11 problems associated with bites and allergies, as well as cleaning up the
12 unhealthy litter problem that uncontrolled animals cause when they knock
13 over trash cans and dig through peoples’ refuse; and

14 **WHEREAS**, spaying and neutering of cats and dogs has been shown to
15 drastically reduce the cat and dog over-population; and

16 **WHEREAS**, veterinarians, Guam Animals In Need, private enterprises,
17 government agencies, and private citizens have joined together to advocate
18 the spaying and neutering of companion animals during the animal
19 sterilization clinic January 30-February 6, 2005; now, therefore, be it

20 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’ Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
21 on behalf of the people of Guam, greet and recognize the week of January 30
22 to February 6, 2005 as GAIN’s “Spay And Neuter Week,” and salute the
23 selfless and largely volunteer work of GAIN in helping to control the growth
24 in number of unwanted pets in Guam; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
2 on behalf of the people of Guam, does further encourage all elected officials to
3 join with GAIN and observe this week by having their own cats or dogs
4 spayed or neutered or sponsoring the spaying or neutering of an unwanted
5 animal at GAIN as good examples for the entire community to emulate; and
6 be it further

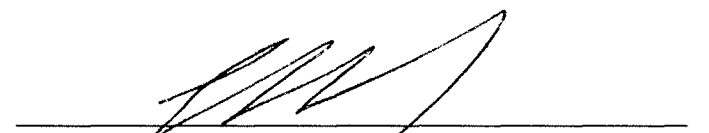
7 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
8 on behalf of the people of Guam, further recognize the following individuals,
9 organizations and corporations that have made this event possible: the GAIN
10 staff and volunteers; the Andersen Air Force Base Volunteers with Spay Week
11 Coordinator, Monika Crummett; Dr. Rebecca L. Diaz, Isla Veterinary Clinic;
12 Northwest Airlines; Matson Navigation; Guam Surgicenter; Island
13 Equipment; GuamCell; Cost-U-Less; Guam Tropical Dive Station; Avis;
14 Micronesian Goldsmith; South Pacific Petroleum Corporation; Tropical Shine;
15 and Fence Masters; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
17 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
18 thereafter transmitted to Guam Animals In Need (GAIN); and to the
19 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY 2005.



MARK FORBES
Speaker



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