

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 140 (LS)

As amended.

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Relative to recognizing April 23 through 29, 2006 as "Crime Victims' Rights Week"; and to honor crime victims and to commend the employees and volunteers of community-based organizations and the employees of government agencies who provide services and care for crime victims and survivors throughout the year.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** since April 1981, America has annually recognized the
4 needs and rights of crime victims and survivors during "National Crime
5 Victims' Rights Week"; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam acknowledge the pain, suffering and
2 loss that crime victims, family members and friends endure; and

3 **WHEREAS**, victims of crime from across the nation deserve assistance
4 to help cope with the consequences of crime; and

5 **WHEREAS**, numerous employees and volunteers of community-based
6 organizations and government agencies demonstrate their compassion for
7 victims of crime, from an individual who provides support to a victim, to
8 entire communities working together to deliver comprehensive services to
9 victims of violence, to our entire nation's response to the terrorist attacks in
10 Oklahoma City and New York City on September 11, 2001; and

11 **WHEREAS**, our island values the importance of support programs and
12 provision of services to crime victims and survivors who seek to regain self-
13 dignity and recover through counseling, medical services, food and
14 transportation; and

15 **WHEREAS**, over ten thousand (10,000) community-based and justice
16 system programs, together with more than thirty-two thousand (32,000)
17 federal and state statutes, define and protect the rights of crime victims and
18 survivors; and

19 **WHEREAS**, community-based organizations and government agencies
20 such as the Crime Victims' Response Unit of the Department of Law, the
21 Criminal Investigation Section and the Victim Assistance Unit of the Guam
22 Police Department, the Guam Fire Department, the Parole Services of the
23 Department of Corrections, the Marshal and Probation Division of the
24 Superior Court of Guam, the ALEE Shelter of Catholic Social Services, Victim
25 Advocates Reaching Out (VARO), Erica's House, Guam Legal Services

1 Corporation, *Guma' Mami*, Inc., the Healing Hearts Crisis Center of the
2 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the Child Protective
3 Service Division and the Adult Protective Services Division of the Department
4 of Public Health & Social Services, Sanctuary, Inc., the Sexual Assault Victim
5 Intervention Advocates, the Andersen Family Advocacy Program, the Navy
6 Family Advocacy Committee, the Client Services & Family Counseling Center
7 of the Superior Court of Guam, the Department of Youth Affairs, the
8 Community Outreach Federal Programs Office from the Office of the
9 Governor, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the Public Defender
10 Service Corporation, the Office of the Public Guardian, Rainbows for All
11 Children, and *Ina'fa Maolek*; and

12 **WHEREAS**, we must fulfill our commitment to crime victims and
13 survivors by treating them with compassion and respect, protecting their right
14 to be free from violence, and fostering a safe environment in which to live
15 peacefully; and

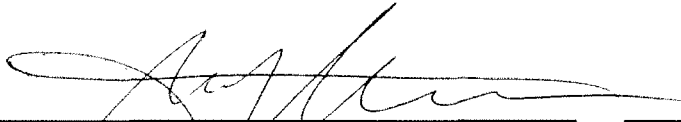
16 **WHEREAS**, our island community joins the nation in recognizing the
17 week of April 23 through 29, 2006 as "Crime Victims' Rights Week" with the
18 theme, "Victims' Rights-Strength in Unity"; now, therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED** that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
20 on behalf of the people of Guam, honor and value crime victims and survivors
21 for their ability to restore their lives; and be it further

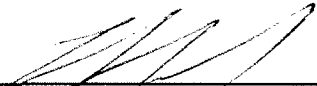
22 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
23 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the employees and volunteers of
24 community-based organizations and government agencies who constantly

1 provide services and care for crime victims and survivors during the week of
2 “Crime Victims’ Rights Week”, and throughout the year; and be it further
3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
4 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
5 thereafter transmitted to the Crime Victims’ Response Unit of the Department
6 of Law; to the Criminal Investigation Section and Victim Assistance Unit of
7 the Guam Police Department; to the Guam Fire Department; to the Parole
8 Services of the Department of Corrections; to the Marshal and Probation
9 Division of the Superior Court of Guam; to the ALEE Shelter of Catholic Social
10 Services; to the Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO); to the Erica’s House;
11 to the Guam Legal Services Corporation; to the *Guma’ Mami*, Inc.; to the
12 Healing Hearts Crisis Center of the Department of Mental Health and
13 Substance Abuse; to the Child Protective Service Division and Adult
14 Protective Services Division of the Department of Public Health & Social
15 Services; to the Sanctuary, Inc.; to the Sexual Assault Victim Intervention
16 Advocates; to the Andersen Family Advocacy Program; to the Navy Family
17 Advocacy Committee; to the Client Services & Family Counseling Center of
18 the Superior Court of Guam; to the Department of Youth Affairs; to the
19 Community Outreach Federal Programs Office from the Office of the
20 Governor; to the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD); to the Public
21 Defender Service Corporation; to the Office of the Public Guardian; to the
22 Rainbows for All Children; to *Ina’fa Maolek*; and to the Honorable Felix P.
23 Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 17TH DAY OF APRIL 2006.



MARK FORBES
Speaker



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