

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2006 (SECOND) Regular Session**

Resolution No. 202 (LS)

As amended.

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Relative to observing the week of October 8th through the 14th 2006 as 'Fire Prevention Week', with the theme: 'Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat!', in conjunction with the National Fire Protection Association, and commending the dedicated men and women of the Guam Fire Department, Andersen Air Force Base Fire Department and Federal Fire Department who continue to help maintain the safety and well being of our island.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** cooking equipment was involved in one hundred eighteen
4 thousand seven hundred (118,700) reported structure fires, the largest share of

1 any major cause, of which seventy-five thousand three hundred (75,300) were
2 reported as fires confined to the interior of a cooking device or appliance in
3 2003; and

4 **WHEREAS**, cooking equipment structure fires in homes resulted in two
5 hundred fifty (250) civilian deaths, three thousand eight hundred eighty
6 (3,880) civilian injuries and Five Hundred Twelve Million Dollars
7 (\$512,000.00) in direct property damage in 2003; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in addition to the one hundred eighteen thousand seven
9 hundred (118,700) home structure fires involving cooking equipment, there
10 were an estimated three thousand seven hundred (3,700) reported outdoor
11 home grill fires in 2003; and

12 **WHEREAS**, statistics show that the leading factor in home cooking fires
13 is leaving equipment unattended, which causes one-third of home cooking
14 structure fires, excluding confined fires, and two-fifths of associated civilian
15 deaths, followed by leaving combustibles too close to heat source and
16 unintentionally turning on or not turning off the device; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Fire Department, in conjunction with Guam
18 International Airport Fire Rescue, Department of Agriculture Forestry
19 Division, Federal Fire Department and the Andersen Air Force Base Fire
20 Department, encourage our island community to join in the activities
21 scheduled during the month of October; and

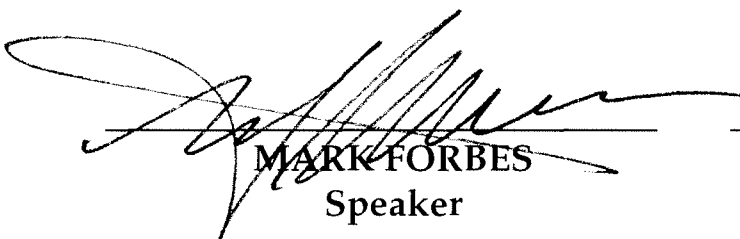
22 **WHEREAS**, this year's theme: 'Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What You
23 Heat!', is aimed at informing the community that more fires start in the
24 kitchen than in any other part of the home and teaching families and children
25 how to keep cooking fires from starting in the first place; now, therefore, be it

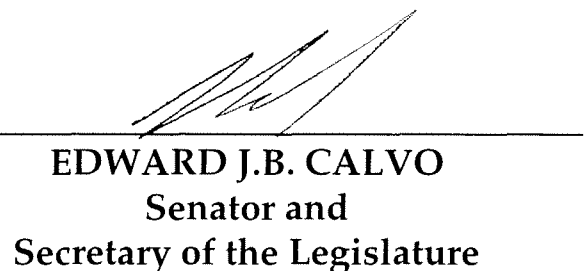
1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
2 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the week of October 8th through
3 the 14th, 2006 as 'Fire Prevention Week', with the theme: 'Prevent Cooking
4 Fires: Watch What You Heat!', and encourages all citizens to promote safety
5 when cooking in their homes; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
7 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the dedicated men and women of
8 the Guam Fire Department who help to maintain the safety and well being of
9 our island; 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 Acting Fire Chief George D. Aquino, Guam Fire
13 Department; to Fire Chief John M. Thompson, Andersen Air Force Base Fire
14 Department; to Fire Chief Edward Terlaje, Federal Fire Department; to Amy
15 Lebeau, Public Education Communications Manager for the National Fire
16 Protection Association; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen*
17 *Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 29TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2006.


MARK FORBES
Speaker


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