

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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Relative to honoring, commending and congratulating the Guam Crime Stoppers Program on its 20th Anniversary and to extending a heartfelt "*Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse*" for its dedication, contribution and support in keeping our island and our people safe and in working together with our community to accomplish its mission statement in "*Working Together To Solve Crime*".

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the Guam Crime Stoppers Program began in 1985 with a
4 Mission Statement to develop Crime Stoppers as an effective crime-solving

1 organization on Guam, with the primary objective of this tri-partite
2 organization, Community, Media and Law Enforcement, being, "WORKING
3 TOGETHER TO SOLVE CRIME"; and

4 **WHEREAS**, their objectives are:

- 5 a. Assisting law enforcement agencies in the apprehension and
6 conviction of criminals, recovery of stolen property and illegal
7 narcotics.
- 8 b. Training and advising law enforcement personnel and others who
9 participate in the program.
- 10 c. Helping motivate the public to cooperate with law enforcement
11 agencies.
- 12 d. Stimulating and encouraging the flow of information to, among and
13 between various law enforcement agencies.
- 14 e. Creating and circulating films, videos, sound tapes and printed
15 material and crime prevention and Crime Stoppers; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Crime Stoppers is a community program supported by
17 donation of money, goods or services. Contributions from individuals,
18 private sources, corporations, clubs, professional associations, retailers, civic
19 and social groups, maintains the Crime Stoppers program. Since Crime
20 Stoppers is a charitable organization, all donations are tax exempt; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Crime Stoppers does not use any government or tax dollars
22 for solving crimes. Crime Stoppers is a partnership between the public, news
23 media and law enforcement. The role of the media in the partnership is to
24 publicize unsolved crimes, advertise designated "TIP" numbers and help the

1 program gain exposure. Guam media partners have been extremely
2 supportive of Crime Stoppers; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the main function of law enforcement in the Crime
4 Stoppers is investigating the "TIPS" information. The investigators also
5 update the organization regarding the status of a case, such as the number of
6 arrest or recovered narcotics and stolen property. Law enforcement officers
7 can act as advisors to the board as well; however, they are not voting
8 members of the Crime Stoppers Board; and

9 **WHEREAS**, citizens are responsible for forming a Crime Stoppers non-
10 profit corporation, whose directors establish policy, determine the amount
11 and method of reward, work closely with the law enforcement and the media,
12 and generally oversee the program. The directors are also responsible for
13 fund raising and also serve on the board as volunteers; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Student Crime Stoppers started in 1990 here in Guam,
15 in the middle and high schools. This program is designed to have cases be
16 dealt with in a school setting designed by the administrators wherever
17 possible. The cases handled are only those that happen within school
18 premises or at school events. In most cases it is the principal's discretion
19 whether or not to involve the police. The idea is to deal with the issue quickly
20 and fairly in the school community and to possibly avoid putting youths in an
21 already crowded justice system; and

22 **WHEREAS**, every school with a Student Crime Stoppers program has
23 its own student board who is responsible for implementing the program in its
24 school. They publicize the crime, keep records for their schools, decide if
25 there is to be a reward paid, and how much. They also communicate with the

1 island Crime Stoppers coordinator, who arranges for reward payments per
2 instructions by the student board, and

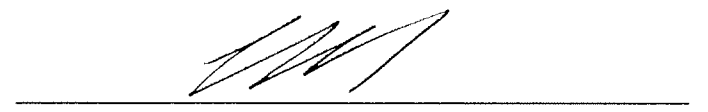
3 **WHEREAS**, each week the Crime Stoppers coordinator selects an
4 unsolved crime and sends all the details and description regarding this crime
5 to all participating media organization for broadcasting and publication. In
6 most cases, these crime scripts are used as a regular Crime Stoppers feature
7 and in some as story narration; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
9 on behalf of the people of Guam, honor, commend and congratulate the Guam
10 Crime Stoppers Program on its Twentieth (20th) Anniversary and does extend
11 a heartfelt "*Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse*" for its dedication, contribution and
12 support in keeping our island and people safe and in working together with
13 our community to accomplish its mission statement in " Working Together To
14 Solve Crime "; and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
16 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
17 thereafter transmitted to the Crime Stoppers Program; to the Honorable F.
18 Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice of Guam; to the Honorable Madeleine Z.
19 Bordallo, Member of Congress, U. S. House of Representatives; and to the
20 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2005.


MARK FORBES
Speaker


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