

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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Relative to recognizing April 10 through 16, 2005 as "Crime Victims' Rights Week" and to honor crime victims and to extend *un dāngkolo' na si Yu'os ma'āse'* to the employees and volunteers of community-based and government organizations who provide service and care for crime victims 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 crime victims endure and that these victims are family members,

1 friends, neighbors and co-workers who have been harmed by crime through
2 no fault of their own; and

3 **WHEREAS**, communities across the nation have demonstrated a
4 collective concern on crime victims' rights to participate in judicial processes
5 through access to specific information, adequate protection, reasonable
6 restitution and to be heard in certain forums; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam value many of the important programs
8 and services that help crime victims regain self-dignity, obtain safe housing,
9 food, transportation, counseling, medical services and support for their
10 children; and

11 **WHEREAS**, community and government-based organizations advocate
12 for and support crime victims to improve crime victims' rights, providing
13 services and treatment, and establishing a more just community through
14 entities such as the Office of the Attorney General's Crime Victims' Response
15 Unit, the Catholic Social Services ALEE Shelter, the Victim Advocates
16 Reaching Out (VARO), the Guam Police Department Victim Assistance Unit,
17 Erica's House, Sanctuary, Inc., the Public Defender Service Corporation, the
18 Guam Legal Services Corporation, *Guma' Mami*, Inc., the Department of
19 Mental Health Healing Hearts Crisis Center, the Department of Public Health
20 & Social Services Child Protective Services Division and Adult Protective
21 Services Division, the Sexual Assault Victim Intervention Advocates, the
22 Andersen Family Advocacy Program, the Superior Court of Guam Client
23 Services & Family Counseling Center, the Superior Court Marshal and
24 Probation Division, the Department of Youth Affairs, the Guam Fire

1 Department, the Governor's Community Outreach Federal Programs Office,
2 Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the Department of Corrections
3 Parole Services, the Office of the Public Guardian, Rainbows for All Children,
4 and *Ina'fa Maolek*; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam recognize crime victims' needs and
6 rights and their survivors' right to be free from violence, to be safe in their
7 own homes, to live in peace and pursue liberty and justice; and

8 **WHEREAS**, our island community joins the nation in recognizing the
9 week of April 10 through 16, 2005 as "Crime Victims' Rights Week" with the
10 theme, 'Justice Isn't Served Until Crime Victims Are'; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED** that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
12 on behalf of the people of Guam, honor crime victims and those organizations
13 and individuals who serve them throughout the year during "Crime Victims'
14 Rights Week," and that as individuals, communities, and as an island, we
15 continue to value crime victims and survivors and justice in our nation that
16 includes and involves crime victims; and be it further

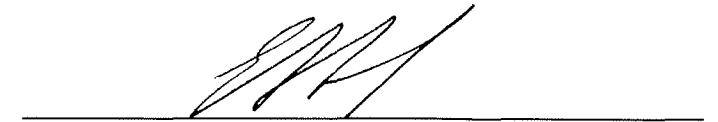
17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
18 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
19 thereafter transmitted to the Attorney General's Crime Victims' Response
20 Unit; to the Catholic Social Services ALEE Shelter; to Victim Advocates
21 Reaching Out (VARO); to the Guam Police Department Victim Assistance
22 Unit; to Erica's House; to Sanctuary, Inc.; to the Public Defender Service
23 Corporation; to Guam Legal Services Corporation; to *Guma' Mami*, Inc.; to the
24 Department of Mental Health Healing Hearts Crisis Center; to the

1 Department of Public Health & Social Services Child Protective Services
2 Division and Adult Protective Services Division; to the Sexual Assault Victim
3 Intervention Advocates; to the Andersen Family Advocacy Program; to the
4 Superior Court of Guam Client Services & Family Counseling Center; to the
5 Superior Court of Guam Marshal and Probation Division; to the Department
6 of Youth Affairs; to the Guam Fire Department; to the Governor's Community
7 Outreach Federal Programs Office; to the Office of the Public Guardian; to
8 Rainbows for All Children; to *Ina'fa Maolek*; to Attorney General Douglas B.
9 Moylan; and to the 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 MARCH, 2005.



MARK FORBES
Speaker



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