

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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Relative to recognizing April 2005 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" and to honor crime victims and to extend *un dangkolo' na si Yu'os ma'åse'* to employees and volunteers of community-based, and government organizations, and volunteers who provide service and care for sexual assault victims and sexual assault survivors 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 sexual assault victims and sexual assault survivors endure and
5 that these victims are family members and friends, neighbors, and co-workers

1 who have been harmed by this intolerable violent crime, through no fault of
2 their own, with serious public health implications; and

3 **WHEREAS**, no one person, organization, agency or community can
4 eliminate sexual assault, our island community must steadfastly work
5 towards an extensive education campaign on preventing sexual assault;
6 support sexual assault victims and sexual assault survivors and their
7 significant others; and increase support for agencies providing services to
8 victims and sexual assault survivors; and

9 **WHEREAS**, we also value many of the important programs and services
10 that help victims of sexual assault and sexual assault survivors regain self-
11 dignity, obtain safe housing, food, transportation, counseling, medical services
12 and support for their children; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Healing Hearts Crisis Center has been instrumental in
14 addressing sexual assault by providing a 24-hour hotline service for victims
15 and sexual assault survivors and their significant others; responding to
16 emergency calls; offering comfort and support to sexual assault victims during
17 medical examinations, criminal proceedings, and empowering the victims to
18 chart their own course for healing; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Healing Hearts Crisis Center encourages active public
20 and private collaborative effort to end sexual assault on Guam by Speaking Out
21 Against Sexual Violence through dialogue on prevention; crucial counseling
22 and support services for survivors; and

23 **WHEREAS**, staff and volunteers of community and government-based
24 organizations advocate for and support victims of sexual assault to improve
25 victims' rights; providing prevention education and survivor empowerment

1 information to schools, churches, civic organizations, as well as medical, mental
2 health, law enforcement, education and criminal justice personnel services; and

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

7 **WHEREAS**, our island community joins the nation in recognizing the
8 month of April 2005 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month"; now, therefore, be
9 it

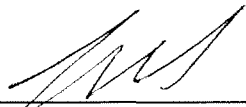
10 **RESOLVED** that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
11 on behalf of the people of Guam, honor crime victims and those organizations
12 and individuals who serve them throughout the year during "Sexual Assault
13 Awareness Month," and that as individuals, communities, and as an island,
14 we continue to value sexual assault victims and sexual assault survivors, and
15 to value justice in our nation that includes and involves sexual assault victims
16 and sexual assault survivors; 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 Healing Hearts Crisis Center; to Attorney
20 General Douglas B. Moylan; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
21 *Maga'lalen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2005.



MARK FORBES
Speaker



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