I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 55 (LS)

As amended.

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the week of April 16 to April 23, 2005 as "Earth Week," and April 22, 2005 as international "Earth Day", and commending the Guam Environmental Protection Agency for its continued efforts to bring awareness and education to the community about the importance of protecting the environment.

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

3 WHEREAS, the state of our environment is important to the continued 4 success and health of Guam's economy, and more importantly, of our people

5 and future generations; and

WHEREAS, in commemoration of Earth Week 2005, which will be
 celebrated from April 16 to 23, 2005, the theme being "Don't Waste Guam's
 Future", and Earth Day celebrated worldwide on April 22, 2005; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency continues to 5 display its sincere commitment and loyal dedication to the protection and 6 conservation of the environment ensuring that our island's air, land and water 7 are safeguarded from degradation; and

8 WHEREAS, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency with the 9 Environmental Education Subcommittee of the Guam Watershed Planning 10 Committee has organized several events to raise environmental awareness; 11 and

12 WHEREAS, these events include the Earth Week Poster Contest, which 13 encourages students from local schools to showcase artistic talents through 14 the design of posters that embodies the Earth Week theme; the Governor's 15 Green School Award Contest, in which schools' programs that protect the 16 environment through efforts such as recycling, collecting cans or paper, tree 17 planting, and other activities that teach students the importance of our environment are highlighted; the Environmental Steward Award where an 18 19 individual, community group, or business is celebrated as a caretaker of the 20 earth's resources; the Na' La Bonita Cleanup which teams up the Guam 21 Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Parks and Recreation, 22 and the community to clean up targeted areas of the island, and this year's 23 event was held along Route 4 from Hagåtña to Ipan; and the Earth Week 24 Island Pride Festival, a family-oriented event to spread environmental awareness, sponsored by the Guam Environmental Protection Agency and the 25

Guam Visitors Bureau to continue the "Island Pride" campaign; now,
 therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the week of April 16 to April 23,
2005 as "Earth Week," and April 22, 2005 as "Earth Day" celebrated
worldwide; and be it further

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the Guam Environmental
Protection Agency for its continued efforts to bring awareness and education
to the community about the importance of protecting the environment; and be
it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the 13 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be 14 thereafter transmitted to John Jocson, Chairman, Guam Environmental 15 Protection Agency Board of Directors; Fred Castro, Administrator, Guam 16 Environmental Protection Agency; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I* 17 *Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 14^{TH} DAY OF APRIL, 2005.

MARK FORBES Speaker

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