

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

**Resolution No. 75 (LS)**

As amended.

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Relative to recognizing the week of May 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 as "Safe Boating Week" and commending members of the Guam Safe Boating 2005 Planning Committee for their continued efforts in raising awareness of the importance of recreational boaters wearing life jackets.

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

3        **WHEREAS**, as an island community, we are blessed with opportunities  
4 to engage in recreational boating and other water activities that are both  
5 enjoyable and have inherent risks; and

6        **WHEREAS**, recreational boaters and their passengers can greatly

1 increase their chance of surviving serious accidents by wearing a personal  
2 floatation device (PFD) while boating; and

3 **WHEREAS**, operator-controllable factors are the cause of the vast  
4 majority of boating accidents over the comparatively low percentage of  
5 accidents due to the boat, equipment or environmental factors; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 24 Guam,  
7 is committed to improving boating safety, and, during the week-long  
8 observance of "Safe Boating Week" from May 21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2005, has planned  
9 many activities and exhibits designed to enhance public awareness of boating  
10 safety, improve vessel safety through free inspections, and present  
11 opportunities for the exchange of information with federal and local officials  
12 that have oversight of boating safety; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the United States Coast Guard Section Guam Command  
14 Center coordinated two hundred thirty-three (233) Search and Rescue cases,  
15 of which one hundred thirty-two (132) answered were stress alarms; two (2)  
16 vessels were found adrift, un-manned; three (3) vessels were run aground;  
17 one (1) aircraft emergency; thirty-three (33) capsized, disabled, or disoriented  
18 vessels; five (5) diving accidents; three (3) flare signals; two (2) mayday  
19 broadcasts; twenty (20) medically evacuated off-island; seven (7) calls for  
20 overdue vessels; twenty-three (23) persons in water rescues; two (2) vessels  
21 taking on water; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the United States Coast Guard's published "Boating  
23 Statistics 2002" provides laudable facts attributed to the exemplary efforts of  
24 the agency, including that boating fatalities have declined in the United States  
25 every year since 1997; eighty-five percent (85%) of those who drowned in

1 serious boating accidents in 2002 were not wearing life jackets on board  
2 resulted in the tragic deaths of five hundred twenty-four (524) boaters and  
3 passengers, including twenty-eight (28) children; more than fifty-six percent  
4 (56%) of boating fatalities result from capsizing, falling over board, flooding,  
5 or unpredictable in-water experiences; and

6       **WHEREAS**, the National Safe Boating Council observes that, *“although*  
7 *boating fatalities and injuries have declined over more than two (2) decades, the*  
8 *numbers remain high”*; and

9       **WHEREAS**, knowledge and skills are important to reduce human error  
10 and improve judgment, and if our people are aware of the risks they are likely  
11 to take precautionary measures to protect themselves and their family and  
12 friends; and

13       **WHEREAS**, the national theme for this year’s observance is “Boat  
14 Smart-Boat Safe-WEAR IT!” exemplifying the continuing effort of instilling  
15 the lifesaving value of wearing personal floatation devices (PFD’s); and

16       **WHEREAS**, a unified concern to improving activities and greater  
17 prospects for successful outcomes in ocean-related endeavors has resulted in  
18 the formation between various organizations, listed below, whose interests  
19 are closely aligned with those of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 24  
20 Guam, including the Guam Fishermen’s Co-op, the Guam Jet Sport Racing  
21 Association, the Marianas Paddlesports Racing Association, the Marianas  
22 Yacht Club, the *Sumay* Yacht Club, the Guam Sailing Federation, the 4-H  
23 Kayak Club and the Sea Cadet Corps; and


24       **WHEREAS**, this year the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 24 Guam

1 and the U.S. Coast Guard, along with the support of the Guam Police  
2 Department Territorial Boating Safety Office SEAS & Harbor Patrol Unit; the  
3 Guam Fire Department, Fire Rescue; the Port Authority of Guam, the  
4 Department of Parks and Recreation; the Guam Coastal Management  
5 Program, the Bureau of Statistics and Plans; the HC-5 Helicopter Squadron;  
6 the Personal Watercraft Dealers Association; and the National Weather  
7 Service are all working as the 2005 "Safe Boating Week" Planning Committee,  
8 taking part in a nationwide campaign to promote boating safety; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10       **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
11 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the 2005 "Safe  
12 Boating Week" Planning Committee and recognizes the week of May 21<sup>st</sup> to  
13 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 in observance of "Safe Boating Week" together with this year's  
14 national theme: "Boat Smart, Boat Safe, WEAR IT!"; and be it further

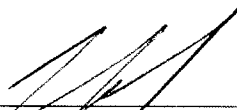
15       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
16 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
17 thereafter transmitted to Mr. James Chargualaf, Chairman of the 2005 "Safe  
18 Boating Week" Planning Committee; to Mrs. Mary Torres, Flotilla  
19 Commander of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary; to Captain Dale Rausch,  
20 Commander of the U. S. Coast Guard Sector Guam; and to the Honorable  
21 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2005.



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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker



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