

I MINA' BENTE NUEBE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

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Relative to recognizing "Earth Week 2008" celebrated from April 19 to April 26, with the theme "Conserve Our Reef Environment" and observing "World Earth Day," marked annually on April 22; and to commending the staff, management and Board of Directors of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency for their diligent and dedicated work as they lead the efforts to safeguard island's natural resources.

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

2 **WHEREAS**, the state of our natural resources affects all areas of our economy,  
3 health, and public safety; and

4 **WHEREAS**, a protected environment is critical to the wellbeing of our island  
5 community and success of our future generations; and

6 **WHEREAS**, attention is brought forth annually through the commemoration of  
7 Earth Week, celebrated this year, from April 19 to 26, 2008; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the focus of this year's theme is *Conserve Our Reef Environment*  
9 (CORE), in recognition of our unique marine environment and in solidarity with the regional and  
10 worldwide campaigns, *Pacific Year of the Reef* and *International Year of the Reef*; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of Earth Week 2008! is to raise awareness about the value and  
12 importance of our island environment, especially coral reefs, the threats to their sustainability,  
13 and to motivate people to take action to protect; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the national Earth Day is celebrated annually on April 22; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency continues to display its  
16 sincere commitment and loyal dedication to the protection and conservation of our  
17 island's natural resources by ensuring that our island's reef environment, oceans and  
18 sea life are safeguarded from degradation; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency with the  
2 Environmental Education Subcommittee organized several events to raise awareness of  
3 the critical importance of our island's reef environment; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency with the *Chinese*  
5 *Chamber of Commerce Guam, Guam Chamber of Commerce, Guam Hotel & Restaurant*  
6 *Association, and Guam Contractor's Association* organized mini-workshops for the  
7 business community on compliance with environmental laws and regulations; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency with *Andersen Air Force*  
9 *Base* organized a 4-day Recycling Workshop for government representatives on how to  
10 operate a Qualified Recycling Program (QRP); and

11           **WHEREAS**, *Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure, Incorporated, and Soroptimist*  
12 *International of the Marianas* support and promote environmental education and  
13 awareness projects in cooperation with the Guam Environmental Protection Agency;  
14 and

15           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency with *KGTF-PBS Guam,*  
16 *Guam's Public Television,* organized panel discussions on the *View Point* Program with  
17 various members of the community regarding coral reefs, their importance and ways to  
18 protect them; and

19           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency with *Geocachers of*  
20 *Guam* organized the *Cache In Trash Out* geocaching cleanup event at Tanguisson Beach;

21           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency with the *Micronesian*  
22 *Divers Association (MDA)* organized the cleanups at Marbo Cave and Guam's reefs; and

23           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency with the Department of  
24 Agriculture and Department of Parks and Recreation organized the Agana Springs  
25 cleanup; and

26           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency with the *Guam Boonie*  
27 *Stompers* organized cleanups from Umatac Bay to Toguan Bay, and at Hilaan and Lost  
28 Pond; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency with the *Guam Ultimate*  
2 *Frisbee Association* organized the first “Ultimate Frisbee Tournament” in recognition and  
3 support of Guam’s environment;

4           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency with the *Guam United*  
5 *Soccer Club* organized a 5K “Run for the Environment”.

6           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency with the cooperation of  
7 Guam Public School Systems (GPSS), Private, and DoDea schools in raising awareness  
8 on the critical importance of our island’s reef by participating in environmental  
9 education events such a 3-D Artwork Contest, which encourages students to create  
10 artwork made primarily of reused, reusable or recycled, recyclable materials; an Earth  
11 Week Banner Contest, reflecting this year's Earth Week theme: "Conserve Our Reef  
12 Environment"; a Fashion Show which encourages participants to create attire utilizing  
13 entirely reused materials; and a photography contest that portrays Guam's reef  
14 environment.;

15           **WHEREAS**, this year’s Earth Week commemoration will culminate with an  
16 Island Pride Festival with support of the Department of Parks and Recreation, a family-  
17 oriented event to spread environmental awareness, sponsored by the Guam  
18 Environmental Protection Agency now, therefore, be it

19           **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of  
20 Guam, recognize the week of April 19 to April 26, 2008 as “Earth Week,” celebrated  
21 with this year’s theme “Conserve Our Reef Environment” and observes April 22, 2008  
22 as “World Earth Day”; and be it further

23           **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of  
24 Guam, commend the staff, management and board of directors of the Guam  
25 Environmental Protection Agency for their diligent and dedicated work as they lead the  
26 effort to protect our island’s natural resources; and be it further

27           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest  
28 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr.  
29 George Lai, Chairman, Guam Environmental Protection Agency Board of Directors; Ms.

- 1 Lorilee Crisostomo, Administrator, Guam Environmental Protection Agency; and to the
- 2 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'Lahen Guåhan*.
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DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE I MINA'BENTE NUEBE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE \_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2008.

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Judith T. Won Pat

Speaker

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Tina Rose Muna Barnes

Senator and Secretary of the Legislature