

I MINA' BENTE NUEBE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Relative to recognizing "Earth Week 2007" from April 16 to April 22, celebrated with the theme, "Protect Guam's Watershed," and observing "World Earth Day" 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 NUEBE 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 16 to 22, 2007, with focus illustrated in the  
8 theme, "Protect Guam's Watershed," and the observation of World Earth Day  
9 celebrated on April 22, 2007; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the United States Environmental Protection Agency edifies the  
11 critical importance of watersheds, described as nature's way of dividing up the  
12 landscape illustrated through rivers, lakes, estuaries, wetlands, streams, and oceans that  
13 serve as catch basins for the land adjacent to them; and

14 **WHEREAS**, it is essential to educate and bring awareness to a our citizenry that  
15 ground water aquifers serve the same purpose for the land above them and that all  
16 inhabitants of mother Earth must understand that their actions, especially in areas that  
17 are landscaped within watersheds, affect the health of the waters that drain into it; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency continues to display its  
2 sincere commitment and loyal dedication to the protection and conservation of our  
3 island's natural resources by ensuring that our air, land, and water are safeguarded  
4 from degradation; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency with the  
6 Environmental Education Subcommittee of the Guam Watershed Planning Committee  
7 organized several events to raise awareness of the critical importance of our island's  
8 natural resources; and

9           **WHEREAS**, these events include a 3-D Artwork Contest, which encouraged  
10 student to create artwork made primarily of reused, reusable or recycled, recyclable  
11 materials; the Governor's Green School Awards, which recognizes schools that improve  
12 their environment through student-led projects with a school beautification prize for  
13 schools that encourage students to landscape a portion of their school grounds;  
14 Fishbowl 2007, an academic contest that focuses on the marine environment; an Earth  
15 Week Banner Contest, reflecting this year's Earth Week theme: "**Protect Guam's**  
16 **Watersheds**"; a Fashion Show which encourages participants to create outfits utilizing  
17 entirely reused materials; and an Environmental Stewardship Recognition program  
18 which honors ecology stewards in our community whether they represent a private  
19 citizen, or group, a business, or hail from government entities or civic organizations that  
20 work tirelessly to protect Guam's environment; and

21           **WHEREAS**, the *Na' La Bonita* Cleanup partners with the Guam Environmental  
22 Protection Agency, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the island community  
23 to target areas of the island for a clean-sweep of litter, this year's event spruced the  
24 island's main thoroughfare - Marine Corps Drive, from Micronesia Mall in Dededo to  
25 Adelup; and

26           **WHEREAS**, this year's Earth Week commemoration will culminate with an  
27 Island Pride Festival, a family-oriented event to spread environmental awareness,  
28 sponsored by the Guam Environmental Protection Agency and a special "Movies in the  
29 Park," feature to mark the observance of "World Earth Day;" now, therefore, be it

1           **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of  
2 Guam, recognize the week of April 16 to April 22, 2007 as “Earth Week,” and observe  
3 April 22, 2007 as “World Earth Day”; and be it further

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

8           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest  
9 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr.  
10 George Lai, Chairman, Guam Environmental Protection Agency Board of Directors; Ms.  
11 Lorilee Crisostomo, Administrator, Guam Environmental Protection Agency; and to the  
12 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2007.

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Speaker

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RAY TENORIO

Senator and Secretary of the Legislature