

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 56(LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the American Cancer Society Guam Field Office for promoting the awareness of cancer through the "Relay For Life" and commending the Team Captains for their role in coordinating and promoting this event.

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

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life" has become one of the most successful charitable events nation wide for over twenty years by engaging community support; and

WHEREAS, it was in the mid 1980's that Dr. Gordy Klatt, a Tacoma Colorectal Surgeon, decided to personally raise money for the fight against cancer by doing something he loved – running marathons; and

WHEREAS, in May of 1985, Dr. Klatt raised his first Twenty -Seven Thousand Dollars for the fight against cancer by running and walking a total of eighty three miles within twenty four hours at the Baker Stadium in Tacoma, Washington; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this achievement, he created a small committee to plan the first relay team event known as the “City of Destiny Classic 24-hour Run Against Cancer” which, in 1986, held its first event with nineteen teams participating at the historic Stadium Bowl successfully raising Thirty Three Thousand Dollars; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society’s “Relay For Life” has reached all facets of the community throughout the nation to include private businesses, government agencies, individuals, and youth groups in one common goal to remember those who have lost the battle to cancer and to celebrate the brave men, women, and children who survived and continue to fight for a cure; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, our island youth coordinated thirty four teams to participate in the “Youth Relay For Life” that grossed over Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars which preceded the community “Relay for Life” that had more than sixty teams participate; grossing over Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society Guam Field Office is largely made up of volunteers and the money it raises is used for research, education, advocacy, and services to patients; and

WHEREAS, the success of the American Cancer Society’s “Relay For Life” can be attributed to the Team Captains who play a vital role in motivating their group and volunteers to fight this battle in a unified effort

to move our community towards a future where cancer no longer threatens the lives of our friends and family,

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society together with community support encourages a healthy life style through physical activity and proper nutrition in order to prevent cancer and save lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and extend a heart felt *Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to the American Cancer Society Guam Field Office for promoting the awareness of cancer through the "Relay For Life" and for its dedication to finding a cure, honoring and celebrating cancer survivors, and remembering those who have lost their lives; and be it further

RESOLVED, that *I Mina Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the Team Captains for their hard work and commitment to ensuring the success of this event; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Elaine Low, Executive Director of the American Cancer Society Guam Field Office; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2007.

MARK FORBES
Speaker

Ray Tenorio
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature