

**I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN**  
**2007 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Legislative**

**Resolution No. 87 (45)**

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the month of October 2007 as “Family Violence Awareness Month” and to commend practitioners and advocates who help raise awareness and support victims of family violence and to recognize the significant contributions these individuals and organizations have made, and continue to make, to reduce the crime of family violence.

- 1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**  
2 **MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:**
- 3        **WHEREAS,** family violence is a physical, sexual, emotional or verbal  
4 violence directed against a person who is the abuser’s intimate partner or  
5 relative; and
- 6        **WHEREAS,** family violence affects people regardless of age, sexual  
7 orientation, physical ability, marital status, ethnicity, culture, education,  
8 religion, or economic status; and
- 9        **WHEREAS,** children in homes where abuse among adults occurs, are  
10 often neglected at a rate of fifteen hundred percent (1,500%) higher than the  
11 national average in the general population; and

1           **WHEREAS**, studies show that children from violent homes have higher  
2 risks of alcohol or drug abuse and juvenile delinquency; are six (6) times more  
3 likely to commit suicide, 24 times more likely to commit sexual crimes; and 50  
4 times more likely to abuse drugs or alcohol; and

5           **WHEREAS**, in Fiscal Year 2006, there were more than 2,065 cases of  
6 abuse and neglect referred to the Child Protective Services at the Department  
7 of Public Health and Social Services, of which more that 69 cases were directly  
8 related to family violence; and

9           **WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Health and Social Services Adult  
10 Protective Services received more than 189 referrals, most of which were the  
11 result of abuse of the elderly and disabled; and

12           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Police Department reported three (3) people lost  
13 their lives as a result of family violence; one 1,305 family violence cases, of  
14 which more than 621 individuals were arrested and 323 cases still pending;  
15 236 rape cases and 215 sex offenses were reported; and 82 cases of abuse and  
16 neglect with 352 referrals for violence or neglect by family members were also  
17 reported; and

18           **WHEREAS**, Healing Hearts Crisis Center-Department of Mental Health  
19 & Substance Abuse served 113 victims of family violence and sexual assault;  
20 approximately 1,032 victims were given services provided by non-  
21 government organizations; and the Department of Law processed 942 cases in  
22 fiscal year 2006 while the Superior Court of Guam processed 438 cases; and

23           **WHEREAS**, the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force, STOP,  
24 VAW sub grantees, government and non-government organization, faith-

1 based organizations, and other community partners have joined forces to  
2 directly confront this crisis, including: Alee Shelter – Catholic Social Services,  
3 Anderson Family Support Services – Fleet & Family Support Services,  
4 Archdiocese of *Hagåtña*; Attorney General of Guam – Department of Law,  
5 Crime Victim Response Unit; Department of Corrections – Parole  
6 Division/Training; Department of Education; Department of Mental Health &  
7 Substance Abuse – Healing Hearts Crisis Center (HHCC); Department of  
8 Public Health & Social Services; Department of Youth Affairs; Erica’s House –  
9 Visitation Center, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan’s* Community Outreach – Federal  
10 Programs Office; *I Maga’lahen Guåhan’s* Legal Counsel ; Guam Housing and  
11 Urban Renewal; Guam Judiciary; *I Mina’Bente Nuebe Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*;  
12 Guam Police Department – Victim Assistance Unit; *Guma’Mami*, Inc.;  
13 *Inafa’Maolek*; Mayor’s Council of Guam; Media; Mother’s Against Drunk  
14 Driving (MADD); Public Defender Service Corporation; Superior Court of  
15 Guam – Client Services and Family Counseling Division; Judicial Council;  
16 Superior Court of Guam – Probation and Marshal’s Divisions; Sanctuary Inc;  
17 University of Guam; and the Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO); and

18       **WHEREAS**, the efforts, compassion, and dedication of these volunteers,  
19 professionals, and organizations should be recognized and applauded; now,  
20 therefore, be it

21       **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
22 hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize

1 the month of October 2007 as “Family Violence Awareness Month”, and does  
2 commend the practitioners and advocates who help raise awareness and  
3 support victims of family violence, as well as the significant contributions  
4 these individuals and organizations have made, and continue to make, to  
5 reduce the crime of family violence; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Secretary of the Legislature attest  
7 to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to  
8 members of the “Family Violence Awareness Month” Task Force; and to the  
9 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA  
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2007.**

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**EDWARD J. B. CALVO**  
Acting Speaker and

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**RAY TENORIO**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature