

*I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
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**Resolution No. 14 (LS)**

As amended.

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Relative to recognizing the month of April 2007 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month", to honoring sexual assault victims and to commending the employees of Government agencies and volunteers of private organizations for providing services and care to sexual assault victims.

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

3        **WHEREAS,** our island recognizes and addresses the presence of sexual  
4 assault in our community to ensure that victims of this crime will no longer  
5 suffer pain and loss; and

1           **WHEREAS**, victims and survivors of sexual assault deserve assistance  
2 to help cope with the consequences of assault; and

3           **WHEREAS**, our island understands the importance of providing  
4 services and support programs to sexual assault victims and survivors need  
5 restoring their life through counseling, medical services, food and  
6 transportation; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the Sexual Assault Coalition, under the leadership of  
8 Healing Hearts Crisis Center of the Department of Mental Health and  
9 Substance Abuse, has established partnerships between service organizations  
10 and Government agencies to improve the quality of care for persons hurt by  
11 sexual violence; and

12           **WHEREAS**, the Healing Hearts Crisis Center has provided services  
13 such as a 24-hour hotline for emergency calls, social work and counseling  
14 services, comforting victims during medico-legal rape exams, and  
15 empowering victims to begin healing; and

16           **WHEREAS**, Government agencies and private organizations encourage  
17 victims and survivors through education, prevention, survivor empowerment,  
18 and providing information to schools, churches, civic organizations, as well as  
19 law enforcement, medical, mental health, education, and criminal justice  
20 professionals; and

21           **WHEREAS**, our island community is encouraged to increase its  
22 awareness and participation in an effort to rid our people of the tragedy of  
23 sexual violence, to strengthen the community and to provide a safer  
24 environment; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Guam joins the Nation in recognizing the month of April  
2 2007 as 'Sexual Assault Awareness Month'; now, therefore, be it


3           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
4 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, honor sexual assault victims and  
5 survivors for surpassing the obstacles and rebuilding their lives; and be it  
6 further

7           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
8 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, further commends the employees of  
9 Government agencies and volunteers of private organizations who provide  
10 services and care for sexual assault victims and survivors; and be it further

11           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
12 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the employees and  
13 volunteers of the Healing Hearts Crisis Center of the Department of Mental  
14 Health and Substance Abuse and the Sexual Assault Coalition for educating  
15 the community about sexual assault and supporting sexual assault victims  
16 and survivors; and be it further

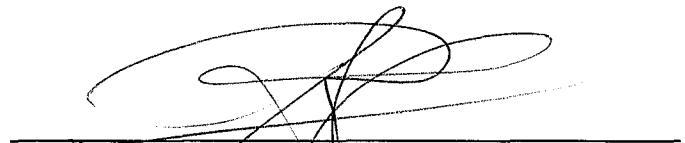
17           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
18 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
19 thereafter transmitted to the Healing Hearts Crisis Center of the Department  
20 of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; to the Department of Law; and to the  
21 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2007.



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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker



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