

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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Relative to recognizing "Earth Week 2008" from April 19 to April 26, 2008, with the theme "Conserve Our Reef Environment"; to 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 Guam's natural resources.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the state of our island's natural resources affects all areas of
4 our economy, health, and public safety, and protecting our environment is
5 now critical to the wellbeing of our island community and to the success of
6 our future generations; and

7 **WHEREAS**, attention is brought forth annually through the
8 commemoration of "Earth Week", celebrated this year from April 19 to 26,
9 2008, with the theme, *Conserve Our Reef Environment (CORE)*, in recognition of
10 our unique marine environment and in solidarity with the regional and
11 worldwide campaigns, *Pacific Year of the Reef* and *International Year of the Reef*;
12 and

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

17 **WHEREAS**, Guam will also join in the annual celebration of "World
18 Earth Day", on April 22; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency continues to
20 display its sincere commitment and loyal dedication to the protection and
21 conservation of our island's natural resources by ensuring that our island's
22 reef environment, oceans, and 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
3 awareness of the critical importance of our island’s reef environment; and

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

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

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

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

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

1 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, with the
2 *Micronesian Divers Association (MDA)*, organized the cleanups at Marbo Cave
3 and Guam’s reefs; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, with the
5 Department of Agriculture and Department of Parks and Recreation
6 organized the Agana Springs cleanup; and

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

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

13 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, with the
14 *Guam United Soccer Club*, organized a 5K “Run for the Environment”; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, with the
16 cooperation of the Guam Public School System (GPSS), private, and DoDea
17 schools, led the efforts in raising awareness on the critical importance of our
18 island’s reef by participating in environmental education events such a **3-D**
19 **Artwork Contest**, which encourages students to create artwork made
20 primarily of reused, reusable or recycled, recyclable materials; an **Earth Week**
21 **Banner Contest**, reflecting this year's “Earth Week” theme: "Conserve Our
22 Reef Environment"; a **Fashion Show** which encourages participants to create

1 attire utilizing entirely reused materials; and a photography contest that
2 portrays Guam's reef environment; and

3 **WHEREAS**, this year's "Earth Week" commemoration will culminate
4 with an Island Pride Festival a family-oriented event to spread environmental
5 awareness, sponsored by the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, with
6 the support of the Department of Parks and Recreation; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
8 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the week of April 19 to
9 April 26, 2008, as "Earth Week" celebrating with this year's theme "Conserve
10 Our Reef Environment", and does observe April 22, 2008, as "World Earth
11 Day"; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
13 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the staff, management
14 and Board of Directors of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency for
15 their diligent and dedicated work as they lead the effort to protect our island's
16 natural resources; 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 Mr. George Lai, Chairman, Guam Environmental
20 Protection Agency Board of Directors; to Ms. Lorilee Crisostomo,
21 Administrator, Guam Environmental Protection Agency; and to the
22 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 14TH DAY OF APRIL 2008.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature