

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 39 (LS)

As amended.

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Relative to recognizing "Earth Week 2007" from April 16 to April 22, 2007 celebrated with the theme, "Protect Guam's Watershed," and observing "World Earth Day" on April 22, 2007; 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 the island's natural resources.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN**
2 **GUÅHAN:**
3 **WHEREAS,** the state of our natural resources affects all areas of our
4 economy, health, and public safety; and

1 **WHEREAS**, a protected environment is critical to the well being of our
2 island community and success of our future generations; and

3 **WHEREAS**, attention is brought forth annually through the
4 commemoration of Earth Week, celebrated this year from April 16 to 22,
5 2007, with focus illustrated in the theme, "Protect Guam's Watershed," and
6 the observation of "World Earth Day" celebrated on April 22, 2007; and

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

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

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

21 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency with the
22 Environmental Education Subcommittee of the Guam Watershed Planning
23 Committee organized several events to raise awareness of the critical
24 importance of our island's natural resources; and

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

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

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

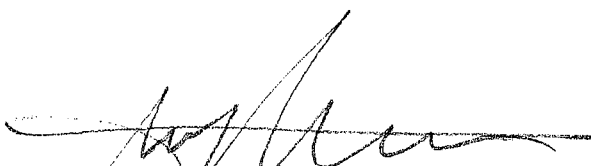
24 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
25 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the week of April 16 to

1 April 22, 2007 as "Earth Week," and observe April 22, 2007 as "World Earth
2 Day"; and be it further


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

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
9 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
10 thereafter transmitted to Mr. George Lai, Chairman, Guam Environmental
11 Protection Agency Board of Directors; to Ms. Lorilee Crisostomo,
12 Administrator, Guam Environmental Protection Agency; and to the
13 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 19TH DAY OF APRIL 2007.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Senator and
Acting, Secretary of the Legislature