

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 87 (LS)

As amended.

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Relative to recognizing the month of October 2007 as “Family Violence Awareness Month” and commending practitioners and advocates who help raise awareness and support victims of family violence and recognizing 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 I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN**
2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS,** family violence is a physical, sexual, emotional or verbal
4 abuse directed against a person who is the abuser’s intimate partner or
5 relative; and

1 **WHEREAS**, family violence affects people regardless of age, sexual
2 orientation, physical ability, marital status, ethnicity, culture, education,
3 religion, or economic status; and

4 **WHEREAS**, children in homes where abuse among adults occur are
5 often neglected at a rate of fifteen hundred percent (1,500%) higher than the
6 national average in the general population; and

7 **WHEREAS**, studies show that children from violent homes have higher
8 risks of alcohol or drug abuse and juvenile delinquency; are six (6) times more
9 likely to commit suicide; are twenty four (24) times more likely to commit
10 sexual crimes; and fifty (50) times more likely to abuse drugs or alcohol; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in Fiscal Year 2006, there were more than two thousand
12 sixty five (2,065) cases of abuse and neglect referred to the Child Protective
13 Services at the Department of Public Health and Social Services, which more
14 than sixty nine (69) cases were directly related to family violence; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Health and Social Services Adult
16 Protective Services received more than one hundred eighty nine (189)
17 referrals, most of which were the result of abuse of the elderly and disabled;
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Police Department reported three (3) people lost
20 their lives as a result of family violence; one thousand three hundred five
21 (1,305) family violence cases, of which more than six hundred twenty one
22 (621) individuals were arrested and three hundred twenty three (323) cases
23 still pending; two hundred thirty six (236) rape cases and two hundred fifteen
24 (215) sex offenses were reported and eighty two (82) cases of abuse and

1 neglect with three hundred fifty two (352) referrals for violence or neglect by
2 family members were also reported; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Healing Hearts Crisis Center-Department of Mental Health
4 and Substance Abuse served one hundred thirteen (113) victims of family
5 violence and sexual assault; approximately one thousand thirty two (1,032)
6 victims were given services provided by non-government organizations; and
7 the Department of Law processed nine hundred forty two (942) cases in fiscal
8 year 2006 while the Superior Court of Guam processed four hundred thirty
9 eight (438) cases; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force, **STOP**,
11 **VAW** sub grantees, government and non-government organizations, faith-
12 based organizations and other community partners have joined forces to
13 directly confront this crisis, including: the Alee Shelter – Catholic Social
14 Services; Anderson Family Support Services – Fleet & Family Support
15 Services; Archdiocese of *Hagåtña*; Attorney General of Guam – Department of
16 Law, Crime Victim Response Unit; Department of Corrections – Parole
17 Division/Training; Guam Public School System; Department of Mental Health
18 and Substance Abuse – Healing Hearts Crisis Center (HHCC); Department of
19 Public Health and Social Services; Department of Youth Affairs; Erica’s House
20 – Visitation Center; *I Maga’lahen Guåhan’s* Community Outreach – Federal
21 Programs Office; *I Maga’lahen Guåhan’s* Legal Counsel ; Guam Housing and
22 Urban Renewal Authority; Judiciary of Guam; *I Mina’Bente Nuebe Na*
23 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*; Guam Police Department – Victim Assistance Unit;
24 *Guma’Mami*, Inc.; *Inafa’Maolek*; Mayor’s Council of Guam; Media; Mother’s
25 Against Drunk Driving (MADD); Public Defender Service Corporation;

1 Superior Court of Guam – Client Services and Family Counseling Division;
2 Judicial Council; Superior Court of Guam – Probation and Marshal’s
3 Divisions; Sanctuary Inc; University of Guam; and the Victim Advocates
4 Reaching Out (VARO); and

5 **WHEREAS**, the efforts, compassion, and dedication of these volunteers,
6 professionals, and organizations should be recognized and applauded; now,
7 therefore, be it

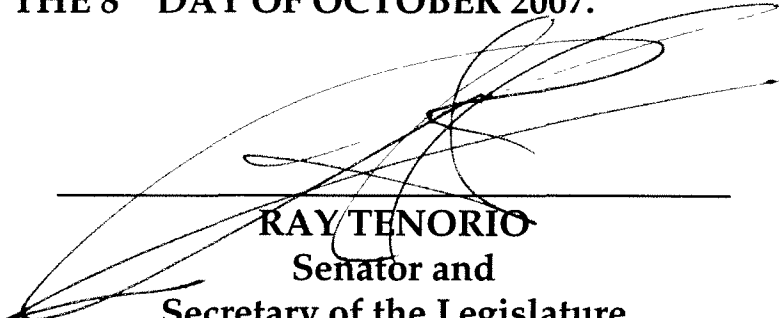
8 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
9 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the month of October 2007
10 as “Family Violence Awareness Month”, and commend the practitioners and
11 advocates who help raise awareness and support victims of family violence,
12 as well as the significant contributions these individuals and organizations
13 have made, and continue to make, to reduce the crime of family violence; and
14 be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
16 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
17 thereafter transmitted to “the Family Violence Awareness Month” Task Force;
18 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2007.



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Acting Speaker



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Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature