## *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* 2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

## **Resolution No. 25 (COR)**

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending Guam Animals In Need, Inc., for invaluable service to the people of Guam through its annual Spay and Neuter Assistance Program Clinic, to extending a warm Un Dångkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to the sponsors of the SNAP Clinic, and to encouraging the people of Guam to support GAIN's efforts to control the pet population.

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## 1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I* 2 *MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:*

3 WHEREAS, Guam Animals In Need, as Guam's only humane society, 4 has to euthanize approximately four thousand (4,000) cats and dogs each 5 year, even though many of them are healthy and adoptable, due to a lack of 6 critical resources, such as money, space, and good adoptive homes; and

WHEREAS, the island's pet overpopulation problem also costs the
taxpayers of Guam thousands of dollars annually, by way of animal control
programs aimed at coping with the thousands of homeless cats and dogs; and

- WHEREAS, spaying and neutering cats and dogs have shown to
  drastically reduce the cat and dog overpopulation; and
- WHEREAS, a high stray pet population not only is a nuisance, but can
  also lead to the spread of disease; and
- 14 WHEREAS, this perennial problem has been dramatically reduced by15 spaying and neutering cats and dogs; and
- WHEREAS, veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens, have worked with Guam Animals In Need, Inc., to ensure the spaying and neutering of more than four thousand (4,000) companion animals through the annual sterilization clinics in the past eight (8) years; and

WHEREAS, these stakeholders have joined together again with Guam
 Animals In Need, Inc., to advocate the spaying and neutering of companion
 animals during the eight (8) day clinic from February 3rd - 9th , 2009; and

WHEREAS, businesses that have contributed to this year's important
clinic include: Continental Airlines; Pacific Islands Club; Empire Realty;
Anna's Ark; DGX Freight; DoCoMo Pacific; *Guåhan* Waste Control; Island
Equipment Company; Pacific Daily News; Sorensen Broadcasting; IT&E;
Shell, Guam; Budget Rent-a-Car; Animal Medical Clinic; South Pacific
Petroleum Corp.; and MCV Broadcasting; and

WHEREAS, these businesses deserve proper recognition for their
support of the fight to reduce Guam's population of homeless animals; now,
therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na* 14 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend 15 Guam Animals In Need, Inc., for invaluable service to the people of Guam 16 through the annual Spay and Neuter Assistance Program Clinic; does extend 17 a warm *Un Dångkulo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase'* to the sponsors of the SNAP Clinic; 18 and does encourage the people of Guam to support GAIN's efforts to control 19 the pet population; and be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson certify, and the 21 Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same 22 be thereafter transmitted to Continental Airlines; to Pacific Islands Club; to Empire Realty; to Anna's Ark; to DGX Freight; to DoCoMo Pacific; to *Guåhan* Waste Control; to Island Equipment Company; to Pacific Daily News; to
 Sorensen Broadcasting; to IT&E; to Shell, Guam; to Budget Rent-a-Car; to
 Animal Medical Clinic; to South Pacific Petroleum Corp.; to MCV
 Broadcasting; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D Speaker

**RORY J. RESPICIO** Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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