

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

**Resolution No. 71 (LS)**

As amended.

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**Relative to recognizing April 26 through May 2, 2009, as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" with the theme: "Twenty-five (25) Years of Rebuilding Lives: Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act" to honor the victims of crime, and to commending the employees and volunteers of community-based organizations and government agencies who provide critical support and assistance to every crime victim every day, of every week, of every year.**

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

3           **WHEREAS,** “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week” was declared  
4 twenty-nine (29) years ago by President Ronald W. Reagan to increase public  
5 awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of victims and survivors of  
6 crime; and

7           **WHEREAS,** through volunteer support programs, the people of Guam  
8 and our nation can reflect on and acknowledge the devastating impact of  
9 crime and terrorism on individuals, families, and communities by ensuring  
10 that rights, resources, and services are available to help rebuild lives; and

11           **WHEREAS,** since 1981, crime victim assistance has grown to over ten  
12 thousand (10,000) community-based and justice system programs, with more  
13 than thirty-two thousand (32,000) federal and state statutes that define and  
14 protect the rights of crime victims and survivors; and

15           **WHEREAS,** on Guam, community-based organizations and  
16 government agencies, including the Victim Witness *Ayuda* Services of the  
17 Office of the Attorney General; the Guam Police Department Criminal  
18 Investigation Section and Victim Assistance Unit; the Guam Fire Department;  
19 the Department of Correction’s Parole Services; the Judiciary’s Marshal and  
20 Probation Divisions; Catholic Social Service’s ALEE Shelter; Victim Advocates  
21 Reaching Out (VARO); Erica’s House; Guam Legal Services Corporation;  
22 *Guma’ Mami*, Inc.; the Archdiocese of Agana; the Public Defender Service

1 Corporation; the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Healing  
2 Hearts Crisis Center; the Department of Public Health and Social Services,  
3 Child and Adult Protective Services Divisions; Sanctuary, Inc.; Sexual Assault  
4 Victim Intervention Advocates; the Andersen Family Advocacy Program; the  
5 Navy Family Advocacy Committee; the Superior Court of Guam Client  
6 Services and Family Counseling Division; the Department of Youth Affairs;  
7 the Governor's Community Outreach Federal Programs Office; Mothers  
8 Against Drunk Driving (MADD); the Office of the Public Guardian; Rainbows  
9 for All Children; and *Inafa' Maolek* continue to provide services to crime  
10 victims and survivors; and

11 **WHEREAS**, despite impressive accomplishments over the past twenty-  
12 nine (29) years in crime victims' rights and services, there remain many  
13 challenges to ensure that all crime victims and survivors are treated with  
14 dignity and respect, and given the resources to recover and be free from  
15 violence; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Guam joins the nation in recognizing the week of April 26<sup>th</sup>  
17 through May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" with the  
18 theme: "Twenty-five (25) Years of Rebuilding Lives: Celebrating the Victims  
19 of Crime Act"; now, therefore, be it

20 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
21 behalf of the people of Guam, encourage our island to join the nation in  
22 honoring the significance of the lives of victims and survivors of crime, and to

1 strive to reach the goal of justice for all by ensuring that all victims and  
2 survivors are afforded legal rights and provided with assistance to face the  
3 financial, physical, spiritual, psychological, and social impact of crime; and be  
4 it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
6 behalf of the people of Guam, commend the employees and volunteers of  
7 community-based organizations and government agencies who provide  
8 critical support and assistance to every crime victim every day, of every week,  
9 of every year; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Legislative Secretary attest  
11 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted  
12 to the Victim Witness *Ayuda* Services of the Office of the Attorney General; to  
13 the Guam Police Department Criminal Investigation Section and Victim  
14 Assistance Unit; to the Guam Fire Department; to the Department of  
15 Correction's Parole Services; to the Judiciary's Marshal and Probation  
16 Divisions; to the Catholic Social Service's ALEE Shelter; to Victim Advocates  
17 Reaching Out (VARO); to Erica's House; to the Guam Legal Services  
18 Corporation; to *Guma' Mami*, Inc.; to the Archdiocese of Agana; to the Public  
19 Defender Service Corporation; to the Department of Mental Health and  
20 Substance Abuse, Healing Hearts Crisis Center; to the Department of Public  
21 Health and Social Services, Child and Adult Protective Services Divisions; to  
22 Sanctuary, Inc.; to the Sexual Assault Victim Intervention Advocates; to the

1 Andersen Family Advocacy Program; to the Navy Family Advocacy  
2 Committee; to the Superior Court of Guam Client Services and Family  
3 Counseling Division; to the Department of Youth Affairs; to the Governor's  
4 Community Outreach Federal Programs Office; to Mothers Against Drunk  
5 Driving (MADD); to the Office of the Public Guardian; to Rainbows for All  
6 Children; to *Inafa' Maolek*; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*  
7 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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



**BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**  
Acting Speaker



**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
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