

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to commending the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the PEACE Project Guam, and all the participants of the 20TH Annual Youth for Youth Live! Guam Conference.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, building a sound foundation for our youth and providing
4 the education, skills, resources, and nurturing guidance they need to
5 succeed is one of the most important legacies we leave behind as parents,
6 leaders, and members of this community; and

7 **WHEREAS**, today's adolescents are faced with countless critical
8 challenges, even as our society's progress continues to provide never
9 before seen opportunities and resources to achieve lifelong goals; and

10 **WHEREAS**, through the monumental efforts and dedication of
11 women such as "Mama" Gayle R. Osborn and "Auntie" Bobbie S.N.
12 Benavente of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; and
13 all of the hardworking men and women moving Guam's mental health
14 profession forward every day, our youth are fortunate to experience the
15 strength of these mentors and leaders, who volunteer their time and
16 resources, and dedicate their careers to providing our youth, especially
17 those who are at most risk of substance abuse or suicide, with a positive
18 and nurturing influence; and

19 **WHEREAS**, since 1988, the vision and foresight of these individuals
20 has since developed into a regionally-renowned organization of youth-
21 driven and youth-led prevention programs that have been a positive outlet
22 for our families, villages, communities, schools, and our children; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Youth for Youth Live! Guam Conference continues to

1 present a great alternative for our future leaders by providing activities
2 and events that promote the prevention of drug, alcohol, and tobacco
3 abuse, suicide, and violence, through establishing strong morals, values
4 and healthy lifestyles, while emphasizing the importance of building a
5 sound foundation focused on cultural acceptance, education, and reaching
6 attainable goals; and

7 **WHEREAS**, today marks the 20th Youth for Youth Live! Guam
8 Conference, where young people from throughout our region join together
9 to discuss the importance of substance abuse and suicide prevention, so
10 that they may positively influence their lives and the lives of other students
11 and youth around them; and

12 **WHEREAS**, this annual Conference, attended by hundreds of students
13 each year, continues to be a beacon of hope in our community, as adults
14 and adolescents alike work together to spread the message of saving lives,
15 building futures and raising awareness; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Lishelaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
17 behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Department
18 of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the PEACE Project Guam, the
19 Youth for Youth Organization, and all the organizers, sponsors and youth
20 participants of the Youth for Youth Live! Guam Conference, and all those
21 who have contributed to the success of the Conference for more than two
22 (2) decades; and does commend Gayle Osborn and Barbara Benavente for
23 their vision and dedication to our children; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
2 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
3 transmitted to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; to
4 the PEACE Project Guam; to the Youth for Youth Organization; to Gayle
5 Osborn; to Barbara Benavente; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
6 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 27TH DAY OF APRIL 2010.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary