

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing April 18 to 25, 2009, as "Earth Week", with the theme: "Hot Item! 671 Global Warming" and observing April 22 as "World Earth Day" and to commending the staff, management and Board of Directors of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency for their diligent and dedicated work in leading the efforts to safeguard our island's natural resources.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the state of our natural resources affects all areas of our
4 economy, health, and public safety; and

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

7 **WHEREAS**, the commemoration of "Earth Week," celebrated this year
8 from April 18 to 25, 2009, brings added attention to environmental issues; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the focus of this year's theme is "Hot Item! 671 Global
10 Warming" in solidarity with regional and worldwide campaigns, to raise
11 awareness on climate change; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of Earth Week 2009 is to raise awareness about
13 the value and importance of our island environment, and to motivate people
14 to take action to protect it; and

15 **WHEREAS**, every year, the nation celebrates "Earth Day" on April 22;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA)
18 continues to display its sincere commitment and loyal dedication to the
19 protection and conservation of our island's natural resources; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in coordination with many local partners, GEPA has
21 sponsored, promoted and assisted in a number of activities to raise awareness
22 and help protect our environment, including: partnering with Guam Refinery

1 Environmental Services Company (GRESKO) and *Guåhan* Waste to coordinate
2 the collection of used residential oil; joining with the National Park Service
3 and Underwater World to present the free Movies in the Park program at the
4 War in the Pacific National Historical Park in Asan; working with the
5 Micronesian Divers Association (MDA), GEPA organized boat dive cleanups
6 at the reefs of southern Guam; also, along with Benson Guam Enterprises,
7 Inc., and the Coral Reef Marine Center, GEPA supports and promotes
8 environmental education and awareness projects; GEPA and Guam Tropical
9 Dive Station organized a beach shore dive cleanup in Piti; together with the
10 Guam Boonie Stompers, GEPA organized cleanups at *Hilaan*, Lost Pond and
11 Umatac Bay; and

12 **WHEREAS**, GEPA, with the cooperation of the Guam Public School
13 System (GPSS) and Guam’s private schools, is raising awareness of the threat
14 of global warming by participating in environmental education events such
15 as: a 3-D Artwork Contest, which encourages students to create artwork made
16 primarily of reused, reusable, recycled *or* recyclable materials; an Earth Week
17 Banner Contest, reflecting this year's Earth Week theme: “Hot Item! 671
18 Global Warming”; a Fashion Show which encourages participants to create
19 attire utilizing entirely reused materials; and a battle of the bands with songs
20 to promote climate change awareness; and

21 **WHEREAS**, to commemorate this year’s “Earth Week” the Guam
22 Environmental Protection Agency, with the support of the Department of

1 Parks and Recreation, will sponsor an Island Pride Festival, a family-oriented
2 event to spread environmental awareness; now, therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
4 *Lihsaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihsaturan Guåhan* and the
5 people of Guam, recognize the week of April 18 to 25, 2009, as "Earth Week,"
6 celebrated with this year's theme: "Hot Item! 671 Global Warming", and
7 observes April 22, 2009, as "World Earth Day"; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
9 *Lihsaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihsaturan Guåhan* and the
10 people of Guam, commend the staff, management and Board of Directors of
11 the Guam Environmental Protection Agency for their diligent and dedicated
12 work as they lead the effort to protect our island's natural resources; and be it
13 further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
15 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
16 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. George Lai, Chairman,
17 Guam Environmental Protection Agency Board of Directors; Ms. Lorilee
18 Crisostomo, Administrator, Guam Environmental Protection Agency; and to
19 the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THIS 20TH DAY
OF APRIL, 2009.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.

Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO

Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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Legislative Secretary