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

Resolution No. (17(15))

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the month of April 2009 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month", to honoring sexual assault victims and survivors and to commending the employees of Government and Non-Government agencies and volunteers of private organizations for providing care and services to victims.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'

- 2 TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:
- 3 WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is aimed at bringing
- 4 attention to the fact that rape and sexual assault remains a serious issue in our
- 5 community; and
- 6 WHEREAS, victims and survivors of sexual assault are to be treated
- 7 with dignity, compassion and respect; and
- 8 WHEREAS, it is essential that services and support programs are
- 9 provided to victims and survivors to help cope with the consequences of

- 1 sexual assault through counseling, medical services, food and transportation;
- 2 and
- 3 WHEREAS, the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family
- 4 Violence in collaboration with the Healing Hearts Crisis Center of the
- 5 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse have forged partnerships
- 6 with Government agencies and private organizations to enhance the quality of
- 7 care for victims and survivors of sexual violence; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the Healing Hearts Crisis Center has provided services
- 9 such as a 24-hour hotline for emergency calls, medical-legal examinations,
- 10 crisis intervention, advocacy and support referral, and community outreach
- 11 education and public awareness; and
- WHEREAS, Guam joins the Nation in recognizing the month of April
- 13 2009 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month"; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Guam recognizes the compassion and dedication of the
- 15 individuals involved in this effort, applaud their commitment, and the need to
- 16 increase public understanding of this significant problem; now, therefore, be it
- 17 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina' Trenta Na
- 18 Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the
- 19 people of Guam, honor sexual assault victims and survivors for overcoming
- 20 the obstacles they face on a daily basis and for having the courage to rebuild
- 21 their lives; and be it further

1	RESOLVED, that I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, or
2	behalf of the people of Guam, commends the employees of Government
3	agencies and volunteers of private organizations who provide services and
4	care for sexual assault victims and survivors; and be it further
5	RESOLVED, that I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, or
6	behalf of the people of Guam, further commends the employees and members
7	of the Healing Hearts Crisis Center of the Department of Mental Health and
8	Substance Abuse and the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family
9	Violence Coalition for their efforts in raising awareness about sexual violence
10	focusing on sexual assault and rape and educating the community on how to
11	prevent sexual violence; and be it further
12	RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee or
13	Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
14	hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Healing
15	Hearts Crisis Center of the Department of Mental Health and Substance
16	Abuse; to the Office of the Attorney General; and to the Honorable Felix P.
17	Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.
	DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THEDAY OF 2009.

Judith Won-Pat, Ed,D.

Speaker

Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature

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Chairman, Committee On Rules

Tina Rose Muña-Barnes
Senator and
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