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I MINA 'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. <u>397</u> - 30 (cor)

Introduced by:

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Relative to calling on the people of Guam to observe the week of May 22 to 29, 2010 as "Safe Boating Week"; and to commending the Guam Safe Boating 2010 Planning Committee for its continued efforts to raise awareness of boaters to always wear life jackets and to practice safe boating habits.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'

TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Guam has been blessed with a vibrant ocean environment that provides many leisure opportunities for its people. For generations,

recreational boating has been a favorite way to relax with family and friends;

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7 WHEREAS, safe boating practices are extremely important to all

citizens of Guam, because the lives of both boaters and non-boaters can be

affected by accidents at sea. Each year, lives and property are needlessly lost

in boating accidents, many of which result from a lack of basic knowledge of

11 boating and ocean safety; and

WHEREAS, numerous government agencies, private groups, and community organizations promote safe boating practices to educate vessel operators about ocean safety principles by offering safe boating courses, conducting search and rescue missions, examining boats for safety equipment and participating in other activities to keep Guam waters safe; and WHEREAS, each year, National Safe Boating Week is observed across the

WHEREAS, each year, *National Safe Boating Week* is observed across the United States and Canada to spread a message of boating safety and encouraging boater education. Important safe boating practices include: knowing how to properly wear a life jacket; carrying proper safety equipment on board a vessel, including a VHF radio or Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacons; obtaining boating safety education; having a Vessel Safety Check; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, observe the week of May 22 to 29, 2010 to be *National Safe Boating Week* and commends the Guam Safe Boating 2010 Planning Committee for its continued efforts to raise awareness of boaters to always wear life jackets and to practice safe boating habits; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Gary Wayne Francis Gumataotao, Flotilla Commander of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to

the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I

Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____DAY OF ______ 2010.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. RORY J. RESPICIO Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES

Legislative Secretary