

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Resolution No. 410-30(5)

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Relative to recognizing and commending the laudable achievements of Dr. Ellen P. Bez, founder and Board President of the Guam Sexual Assault and Abuse Resource Center Association, who was awarded the Visionary Voice Award from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA' TRENTA NA

2 LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Ellen Bez worked for Pacific Medical Center-Isla Health System from  
4 1993 through 1998 and from 1998 through 2006 she worked for Marianas Physicians Group  
5 (MPG) and returned to MPG in 2008 where she currently remains; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Ellen Bez, contributed her talents to our local community through her  
7 work with Marianas Physicians Group and Pacific Medical Center, she simultaneously worked  
8 with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse-Healing Hearts Crisis Center from  
9 1998 through the present where she continues to work with victims of rape; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Ellen Bez gives selflessly of her time and abilities as she has worked for  
11 over fifteen (15) years at the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse--Healing  
12 Hearts Rape Crisis Center, Guam's only rape crisis center, as a Medical Consultant and Forensic  
13 Medical Examiner; and

14           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ellen Bez, prior to working at Healing Hearts Rape Crisis Center, served  
15 as a volunteer physician helping to train nurses as sexual assault nurse examiners; and

16           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ellen Bez was instrumental in establishing Guam’s Sexual Assault  
17 Response Team in 2007; and

18           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ellen Bez is the founder and Board President of the Guam Sexual  
19 Assault and Abuse Resource Center Association (SAARCA) whose mission is to provide technical  
20 assistance and education in the care of victims of sexual assault; and

21           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ellen Bez serves as a board member of the Guam Coalition Against  
22 Sexual Assault and Family Violence; and

23           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ellen Bez, successfully applied for a 2009-2010 Office on Violence  
24 Against Women grant totaling \$156,000.00 to develop a community advocate program to assist  
25 the underserved community in understanding Guam’s laws/customs regarding sexual assault  
26 and domestic violence, to provide a directory of community resources/services and to provide  
27 information for victims of crime; and

28           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ellen Bez was the recipient of the 2009 Soroptimist International-  
29 Making a Difference for Women Award; and

30           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ellen Bez was recognized and honored by the National Sexual Violence  
31 Resource Center as one of the 2010 recipients of the 2010 Visionary Voice Awards for her  
32 advocacy to prevent sexual violence and was recognized for her exemplary work in the area of  
33 sexual violence prevention; and

34           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ellen Bez is a hero to our community for the work she does, work that  
35 very few people are capable of doing; now, therefore, be it

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37           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee of Rules of *I Mina' Trenta Na Lihelslaturan Guåhan*,  
38 does hereby acknowledge that Dr. Ellen P. Bez is an important asset to our island community,  
39 with her immeasurable contributions and selfless devotion to victims of rape and abuse; and be  
40 it further

41           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify,  
42 and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
43 thereafter transmitted to Dr. Ellen P. Bez, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
44 Healing Hearts Rape Crisis Center; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen*  
45 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS  
19<sup>st</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2010.**

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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  
Speaker

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TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES  
Legislative Secretary