

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Relative to commending and congratulating the WestCare Pacific Islands organization on the occasion of National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on March 10, 2011.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS,** National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is a
4 nationwide observance that encourages people to take action in the fight against
5 HIV/AIDS, and to raise awareness of its impact on women and girls; and

6 **WHEREAS,** National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is
7 coordinated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office on
8 Women's Health (OWH); and

1 **WHEREAS**, National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day helps
2 organizations across the country come together to offer support, to encourage
3 discussion, and to teach women and girls about the prevention of HIV, the importance
4 of getting tested for HIV, and how to live with and manage HIV/AIDS; and

5 **WHEREAS**, National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is
6 observed on March 10 every year, with public awareness events held throughout the
7 month of March; and

8 **WHEREAS**, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation, HIV/AIDS affects
9 nearly two hundred eighty thousand (280,000) women in the United States; and

10 **WHEREAS**, while men account for most of the HIV/AIDS cases, the impact
11 on women is growing and research shows that, when compared to men, women face
12 gaps in access and care; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the new Affordable Care Act and the National HIV/AIDS
14 Strategy will prohibit insurance plans from putting lifetime caps on the dollar amount
15 that they will spend on benefits, eliminating the risk of losing access to care; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Affordable Care Act will help those living with HIV/AIDS to
17 be better able to afford their medications; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the National HIV/AIDS Strategy will help to:

- 19 (a) reduce the number of people who become infected with HIV;
- 20 (b) increase access to care and optimize health outcomes for people living
21 with HIV; and
- 22 (c) reduce HIV-related health disparities; and

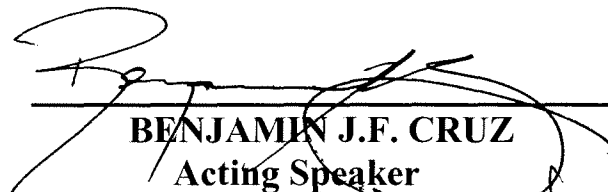
23 **WHEREAS**, WestCare Pacific Islands has been awarded a five (5)-year federal
24 grant from the Office on Women’s Health to provide prevention education and
25 supportive group counseling for girls ages twelve (12) to seventeen (17) through a
26 program called *Project Isa-ta*; and

1 **WHEREAS**, *Project Isa-ta* aims to reduce the risk of contracting HIV/AIDS
2 and STDs among our young girls, as well as to increase self esteem and positive body
3 image, educate them on abuse, violence, and a host of other topics; now, therefore, be
4 it

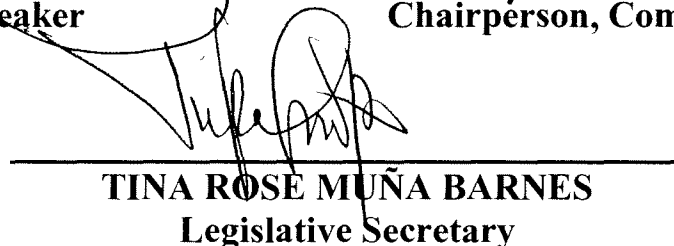
5 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
6 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the people
7 of Guam, commend and congratulate the WestCare Pacific Islands organization on the
8 occasion of National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on March 10,
9 2011; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
11 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
12 the same be thereafter transmitted to WestCare Pacific Islands; to Arthur San Agustin,
13 Director, Department of Public Health & Social Services; to the National Association
14 of Social Workers; to the Guam Coalition against Sexual Assault and Family
15 Violence; to Sanctuary Inc.; to Island Girl Power; to the GUÅHAN Project; and to the
16 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON 9TH THE DAY OF
MARCH 2011.**


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