

*I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN*  
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**Relative to recognizing and commending Pay-Less Supermarkets for their inspiring efforts to raise environmental awareness with their “Go Green Campaign”, and the launch of “M0B: Mission Zero Bags” in their attempt to preserve and improve Guam, and encouraging social responsibility and environmental stewardship.**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2        ***GUÁHAN*:**  
3        **WHEREAS, in 1998, Pay-Less Supermarkets established the “Pay-Less Goes**  
4        **Green” Campaign to fulfill their social responsibility to the land and people of Guam;**  
5        **and**

1           **WHEREAS**, since 1998, Pay-Less Supermarkets have equipped many of their  
2 stores with energy-efficient equipment; they have bailed over six hundred (600) tons  
3 of cardboard annually; they have implemented recycling bins at the *Mangilao* Pay-  
4 Less Supermarket; they have donated damaged produce and shredded paper to local  
5 farmers for feed and composting; and they have utilized electronic invoicing, and have  
6 supported many other “Go Green” efforts; and

7           **WHEREAS**, on February 28, 2008, Pay-Less Supermarkets introduced a  
8 program to get consumers to use reusable shopping bags, and they also started  
9 distributing only biodegradable plastic bags; and

10           **WHEREAS**, while these bags were a better alternative, they still can have  
11 some harmful effects on our environment when not properly disposed of; plastic bags  
12 can clog storm drains and cause flooding, and they litter Guam’s beautiful beaches and  
13 can kill aquatic animals; and

14           **WHEREAS**, in 2011, Pay-Less Supermarkets, along with its community  
15 partners, realized that there is an issue that can be addressed on island, and another  
16 way to better the environment, and the planning for “Mission Zero Bags (M0B)”  
17 began; and

18           **WHEREAS**, the Recycling Association of Guam estimates that Guam  
19 consumers use over forty (40) million plastic bags annually. Payless Supermarkets  
20 issue out approximately eleven million three hundred sixty-one thousand (11,361,000)  
21 bags a year; and as the largest provider of plastic bags on Guam, Pay-Less  
22 Supermarkets acknowledge a social responsibility to encourage the public to develop  
23 habits to protect our island’s environment; and

24           **WHEREAS**, the Pay-Less Supermarkets “Mission Zero Bags (M0B)”  
25 Campaign will be launched on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, and it will continue on

1 every third (3<sup>rd</sup>) and fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Wednesday of the month until August 2012, which  
2 will then be on every Wednesday; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on the same launch day as M0B, the Pay-Less Supermarket  
4 branches will also be placing recycling bins for aluminum cans and plastic bottles,  
5 further providing customers the convenience of a proper disposal option for  
6 recyclables; and

7 **WHEREAS**, during M0B days, Pay-Less will not provide any plastic or brown  
8 bags, in an effort to encourage customers to use reusable bags when shopping at their  
9 stores, and anyone requesting a brown paper bag will be charged five cents (5¢) per  
10 bag, with all proceeds from the bag fees to go towards the Community Mini-Grant  
11 program, specifically for schools or non-profit organizations with a green initiative;  
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, in commending Pay-Less Supermarkets, we hope to also make  
14 them as an example for other local businesses on-island, and encourage that they  
15 follow suit on taking steps to preserve and better the island of Guam, and its people;  
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, it is our responsibility as an island community, as the stewards of  
18 Guam, to ensure the preservation of the island’s environment and sustainability; now  
19 therefore, be it

20 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
21 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Pay-Less Supermarkets for  
22 their efforts in raising environmental awareness with the Pay-Less Supermarkets “Go  
23 Green” and “M0B: Mission Zero Bags” Campaigns, in their attempt to preserve and  
24 improve Guam, and in displaying social responsibility and taking on the role as an  
25 environmental stewards; and be it further

1           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,  
2 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs.  
3 Katherine Calvo Sgro, Executive Vice-President and Chairman Pay-Less  
4 Supermarkets; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2012.**



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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
Speaker



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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary