

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 41-31 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating the Catholic Social Service *Alee* Shelter on the celebration of thirty (30) years of service to the people of Guam; and to further extending a sincere *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to its director, staff, and supporters for their tireless efforts, and for their continued support of our island's families.

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

3 **WHEREAS, Monsignor David I.A. Quitugua, then Father David I.A.**
4 **Quitugua, together with the Sisters of Good Shepherd, played an important role in the**
5 **establishment of Catholic Social Service; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, in response to Public Law 15-117, which authorized the
2 Department of Public Health & Social Services to provide services for battered and
3 abused spouses, Catholic Social Service, on March 19, 1981, established the “*Alee*
4 Family Violence Shelter” as a refuge for women and children who had been subjected
5 to domestic abuse and neglect, and which was operated by the Sisters of Good
6 Shepherd; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the word “*Alee*” is a nautical term, which means “shelter from a
8 storm,” and it was conceived by the late Ricardo Castro of *Sinajana*, a former
9 accountant with Catholic Social Service; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Catholic Social Service and the Sisters of Good Shepherd, as
11 requested by the Department of Public Health and Social Services, expanded the
12 services of *Alee* Shelter to include a separate shelter for children, known as “*Alee*
13 Shelter for Abused or Neglected Children,” in July of 1993; and

14 **WHEREAS**, *Alee* offers around the clock operations, including a confidential
15 telephone hotline, crisis counseling, referral services, respite care, childcare services
16 and transportation; and

17 **WHEREAS**, *Alee* is committed to ensuring the highest regard for privacy and
18 confidentiality for the safety of every woman, child and staff member; and

19 **WHEREAS**, *Alee* Children’s Shelter is also an emergency receiving home,
20 whose primary objectives are to promote healing in children from the effects of abuse
21 and neglect, to prevent unnecessary separation of siblings when removed from home,
22 and to allow ample time for Child Protective Services (CPS), Bureau of Social Service
23 Administration (BOSSA), to create foster home matches; and

24 **WHEREAS**, since its founding, the *Alee* Family Violence Shelter has served
25 three thousand seven hundred thirty (3,730) women, and their children; the *Alee*
26 Children’s Shelter has served one thousand fifteen (1,015) children, providing them

1 with emergency food, clothing, safety and the means to seek self-sufficiency; and the
2 “*Alee* Transitional Housing Program” has sheltered thirty-three (33) women since
3 2006 to the present; and

4 **WHEREAS**, women who seek refuge with *Alee* Shelter are offered
5 opportunities to improve their general health and general status, and that of their
6 children, by attending training courses in parenting, general health and nutrition,
7 housekeeping, interpersonal relations, and building self-esteem; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the *Alee* Children’s Shelter interrupts the child’s learning pattern
9 of violence, and promotes healthy personality development, positive interaction, and
10 developmental potential; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Sisters of Good Shepherd have developed a network with
12 other agencies and organizations to meet the growing needs of abused women and
13 children, not only on Guam, but also other countries throughout the world; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in their thirty (30) years of service to the people of Guam, the
15 *Alee* Family Violence Shelter has had eight (8) Program Directors: Sister Anita
16 Kristofco, RGS; Sister Ursula Fritz, RGS; Sister Joanne Getz, RGS; Sister Teresa
17 Floyd, RGS; Sister Eileen Mearns, RGS; Sister Marie Maurer, RGS; Sister Nora Pat
18 O’Flannigan, RGS; and since July 22, 2003, to the present, Sister Brigid Perez, RSM
19 (Religious Sisters of Mercy) has worked as Program Director, and will continue the
20 work under the guidance and direction of Mrs. Diana B. Calvo, Executive Director,
21 and Archbishop Anthony S. Apuron, OFM Cap. DD; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Sister Brigid Perez, RSM has committed her life and resources to
23 act in solidarity with the economically poor of the world, especially women and
24 children; and women seeking fullness of life and equality in church society, and in
25 solidarity with one another, as she embraces the multicultural and international reality

1 as animated by the Gospel and by Foundress Catherine McAuley’s passion for the
2 poor; and

3 **WHEREAS**, as a member of the Family Violence Sexual Assault Task Force
4 (FVSATF) and the Coalition for Family Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault,
5 Sister Brigid Perez continues to seek community solutions to the island’s family
6 violence and child abuse issues; and

7 **WHEREAS**, every person arriving at the *Alee* Shelter is received with
8 compassion and care, fulfilling the mission of Catholic Social Service to respect the
9 dignity of the human person; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the *Alee* Family Violence Shelter also recognizes the enormous
11 contributions it has consistently received from the diverse branches of the Armed
12 Forces on Guam; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’Trentai Unu Na*
14 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
15 of Guam, recognize and congratulate the *Alee* Family Violence Shelter-Catholic
16 Social Service on their thirty (30) years of service; does extend to it *Un Dångkolo Na*
17 *Si Yu’os Ma’åse’* for the tireless efforts and continued support of our island’s families;
18 and does further commend the *Alee* Staff, volunteers, professionals, government and
19 non-governmental organizations, and all those who have unselfishly assisted the
20 women and children of Guam; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
22 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
23 the same be thereafter transmitted to the *Alee* Family Domestic Violence and Sexual
24 Assault Shelter–Catholic Social Service; to Monsignor David I.A. Quitugua; to
25 Archbishop Anthony S. Apuron, OFM Cap., D.D.; and to the Honorable Edward J.B.
26 Calvo, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON 14TH THE DAY
OF MARCH 2011.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



ADOLPHO B. PALACIOS, SR.
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