

**I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Resolution No. 41-31(cov)

Introduced by:

Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. 

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**RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING AND  
CONGRATULATING THE CATHOLIC SOCIAL  
SERVICE ALEE SHELTER ON 30 YEARS OF  
SERVICE AND A SINCERE *UN DÅNGKOLO NA SI  
YU'OS MA'ÅSE* FOR THEIR TIRELESS EFFORTS  
AND CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR ISLANDS  
FAMILIES.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF**

***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

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

**WHEREAS,** in response to Public Law 15-117, that called for an Abuse Shelter on Guam, Catholic Social Service established the “Alee Family Violence Shelter” on March 19, 1981, dedicated as a refuge for women and children who had been subjected to domestic abuse and neglect and operated by the Sisters of Good Shepherd; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the name “Alee” is a nautical term meaning “ shelter from a  
2 storm,” was thought of by the late Ricardo Castro of *Sinajana*, a former accountant  
3 with Catholic Social Service; and

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

8           **WHEREAS**, Alee offers round the clock operations, including a  
9 confidential telephone hotline, crisis counseling, referral service, respite care,  
10 childcare services and transportation; and

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

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

18           **WHEREAS**, Alee Family Violence Shelter has, since its founding, served  
19 three thousand seven hundred thirty women and their children, and Alee Children’s  
20 Shelter has served one thousand fifteen children, providing them with emergency  
21 food, clothing, safety and the means to seek self-sufficiency; and “Alee  
22 Transitional Housing Program” sheltered thirty-three (33) women since 2006 to the  
23 present; and

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

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

4           **WHEREAS**, the Sisters of Good Shepherd have developed a network with  
5 other agencies and organizations to meet the growing need of abused women and  
6 children, not only Guam, but also other countries throughout the world; and

7           **WHEREAS**, in the thirty (30) years of service to the people of Guam, Alee  
8 Family Violence Shelter had eight (8) Program Directors: Sr. Anita Kristofco,  
9 RGS; Sr. Ursula Fritz, RGS; Sr. Joanne Getz, RGS; Sr. Teresa Floyd, RGS; Sr.  
10 Eileen Mearns, RGS; Sr. Marie Maurer, RGS; Sr. Nora Pat O’Flannigan, RGS: and  
11 since July 22, 2003 to the present, Sr. Brigid Perez, RSM ( Religious Sisters of  
12 Mercy); and

13           **WHEREAS**, Sr. Brigid Perez, RSM, has worked since 2003 to the present  
14 as Program Director, will continue the work under the guidance and direction of  
15 Mrs. Diana B. Calvo, Executive Director; and Archbishop Anthony S. Apuron,  
16 OFM Cap. DD; and

17           **WHEREAS**, Sr. Brigid Perez, RSM has committed her life and resources to  
18 act in solidarity with economically poor of the world, especially women and  
19 children; women seeking fullness of life and equality in church society; and in  
20 solidarity with one another as she embraces the multicultural and international  
21 reality as animated by the Gospel and Foundress, Catherine McAuley’s passion for  
22 the poor; and

23           **WHEREAS**, as a member of the Family Violence Sexual Task Force  
24 (FVSATF), Coalition for Family Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Sr. Brigid  
25 Perez will seek solutions to the island’s family violence and child abuse issues; and

1           **WHEREAS**, every person arriving at Alee Shelters is received with  
2 compassion and care, fulfilling the mission of Catholic Social Service, to respect  
3 the dignity of the human person; and

4           **WHEREAS**, Alee Family Violence Shelter recognizes the enormous  
5 contributions it has consistently received from the diverse branches of the Armed  
6 Forces on Guam; Now, therefore be it

7           **RESOLVED**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, congratulate  
8 Alee Family Violence Shelter-Catholic Social Service on their thirty (30) years of  
9 service and an Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase' for their tireless efforts and  
10 continued support of our islands' families; and be it further

11           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*  
12 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize and commend the Alee  
13 Staff, volunteers, professionals, government and non-governmental organizations,  
14 and all those who unselfishly assisted the women and children of Guam; and be it  
15 further

16           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
17 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to , the adoption  
18 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Alee Family  
19 Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Shelter–Catholic Social Service, and to the  
20 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

21           **RESOLVED**, the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive Committee  
22 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies  
23 of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Alee Shelter, Monsignor David I.A.  
24 Quitagua, Archbishop Anthony S. Apuron, OFM Cap., D.D., and Honorable  
25 Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES  
OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE \_\_\_\_\_  
DAY OF MARCH, 2011.**

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

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**RORY RESPICIO**  
Chairman, Committee on Rules

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary