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

Resolution No. 149-31 (COR)

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Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO EXTENDING A WARM UN DANGKOLO NA SI YU'OS MA'ÂSE' TO THE GUAM HOMELESS COALITION AND RECOGNIZING THEM FOR THEIR SELFLESS DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF

- 2 I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:
- 3 WHEREAS; the Guam Homeless Coalition was created with the mission to
- 4 stay committed to the provision of housing and supportive services for individuals
- 5 and families who become homeless; and
- 6 WHEREAS; the Guam Homeless Coalition believes and recognizes that
- 7 quality housing should be tailored to meet the needs of the homeless individual and
- 8 families; and

- WHEREAS, the vision of the Guam Homeless Coalition is to ensure that
- 2 homeless individuals and families regain housing stability through the expansion
- and implementation of a comprehensive community based housing delivery system
- 4 to prevent and end homelessness; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the organization carries out its vision by coordinating and/or
- 6 integrating homeless-related programs for smooth transition throughout our
- 7 continuum of care system; implementing an effective and efficient delivery system
- 8 of services to prevent homelessness and to move homeless families into permanent
- 9 housing; developing an accessible and comprehensive system which receives
- individuals and families in need of care and moves them through a system toward
- independent living and sustainability; and developing strong homeless programs
- and services with sustainable links; and
- 13 WHEREAS, to address the growing demand for homeless services, the
- 14 Guam Homeless Coalition and GHURA, the lead agency in the Guam Homeless
- 15 Coalition searched for and applied for funding.; and
- WHEREAS, in December 2000 Guam became the first U.S. territory to
- 17 receive Continuum of Care funds for the homeless from the U.S. Department of
- 18 Housing and Urban Development to implement new shelter programs for the
- 19 homeless; and

- WHEREAS, the Guam Homeless Coalition is comprised of government
- agencies, non-profit organizations and private sector that come together for the
- 3 purpose of responding to the needs of homeless youth, families, and single adults;
- 4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, members include the organizations that operate shelters for
- 6 homeless youth, families, and single adults and mainstream agencies that provide
- 7 supportive services; and
- 8 WHEREAS, with the help of these members, the Guam Homeless Coalition
- 9 has been able to make a significant impact on the island community by addressing
- the issue of homelessness; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the organization conducts various activities and sponsors
- programs to help combat homelessness; and
- WHEREAS, the Guam Homeless Coalition takes a lead role in the annual
- 14 homeless count around the island to collect data that is used by homeless service
- providers, the community and policymakers in developing programs and facilities
- to assist and benefit our homeless population; and now, therefore be it
- 17 RESOLVED, I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, extend a
- sincere Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase' to the Guam Homeless Coalition for
- their hard work and dedication to ensure that the homelessness among the island is
- 20 ended; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Committee on Rules

certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to , the adoption hereof, and that

copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Homeless Coalition, and to the

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 THE DAY OF JUNE, 2011.

RORY RESPICIO
Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary