

*I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
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Resolution No. <sup>CS</sup>~~352-31~~ (COR)

Introduced by:

A. B. Palacios, Sr.  
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**Relative to commending the dedicated employees and volunteers who continue to work hard in community based organizations and government agencies that provide critical support and assistance to crime victims, and to further recognizing April 22-28, 2012 as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week: Extending the Vision, Reach Every Victim."**

1           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF

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

3           WHEREAS, the "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" was  
4    declared in the month of April thirty-two (32) years ago by President  
5    Ronald W. Reagan to help increase public awareness of the rights,  
6    needs, and concerns of victims and survivors of crime; and

7           WHEREAS, during the "National Crime Victims' Rights Week,"  
8    the people of Guam and our nation acknowledge and reflect on the  
9    devastating impact of various crime acts against individuals, families,  
10   and communities. We also recognize the many services and volunteer  
11   support programs that help to ensure that critical resources and services  
12   are available to help victims begin rebuilding their lives; and

1           **WHEREAS**, since 1981, crime victim assistance has grown to over  
2           ten thousand (10,000) government and community-based programs  
3           with more than thirty-two thousand (32,000) federal and state statutes  
4           enacted to define and protect the rights of crime victims and survivors;  
5           and

6           **WHEREAS**, on Guam, community-based organizations and  
7           government agencies continue to provide services to crime victims and  
8           survivors; These organizations include the Victim Witness *Ayuda*  
9           Services of the Office of the Attorney General; the Guam Police  
10          Department's Criminal Investigation Section and Victim Assistance  
11          Unit; the Guam Fire Department; the Department of Corrections Parole  
12          Services; the Judiciary's Marshal and Probation Divisions; Catholic  
13          Social Services ALEE Shelter; Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO);  
14          Erica's House; Guam Legal Services Corporation; *Guma' Mami*, Inc.; the  
15          Archdiocese of Agana; the Public Defender Service Corporation; the  
16          Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Healing Hearts  
17          Crisis Center; the Department of Public Health and Social Services,  
18          Child and Adult Protective Services Divisions; Sanctuary, Inc.; Sexual  
19          Assault Victim Intervention Advocates; the Andersen Family Advocacy  
20          Program; the Navy Family Advocacy Committee; the Superior Court of  
21          Guam Client Services and Family Counseling Division; the Department  
22          of Youth Affairs; the Governor's Community Outreach Federal  
23          Programs Office; Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD); the Office of

1 the Public Guardian; Rainbows for All Children; the Family Justice  
2 Center; and *Inafa' Maolek*; and

3 **WHEREAS**, despite the outstanding work of those involved in  
4 these government and community-based organizations over the past  
5 thirty-one (32) years, these entities continue to face challenges as they  
6 work to ensure that crime victims and survivors are treated with dignity  
7 and respect, and are given the resources and support critical to their  
8 recovery; and now, therefore be it

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu*  
10 *Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam,  
11 encourage our island to join the nation in honoring victims and  
12 survivors of crime; as our community helps to ensure that all victims  
13 and survivors are afforded legal rights and support to deal with the  
14 financial, physical, spiritual, psychological, and social impacts of crime;  
15 and, be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does  
17 hereby, commend the dedicated employees and volunteers who  
18 continue to work hard in community-based organizations and  
19 government agencies that provide critical support and assistance to  
20 crime victims, and further recognizes April 22-28, 2012 as "National  
21 Crime Victims' Rights Week: Extending the Vision, Reaching every  
22 Victim"; and be it further

1           **RESOLVED**, the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee  
2 on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption  
3 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the  
4 Victim Witness *Ayuda* Services of the Office of the Attorney General; to  
5 the Guam Police Department's Criminal Investigation Section and  
6 Victim Assistance Unit; to the Guam Fire Department; to the  
7 Department of Corrections Parole Services; to the Judiciary's Marshal  
8 and Probation Divisions; to the Catholic Social Services ALEE Shelter; to  
9 Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO); to Erica's House; to the Guam  
10 Legal Services Corporation; to the *Guma' Mami*, Inc.; to the Archdiocese  
11 of Agana; to the Public Defender Service Corporation; to the  
12 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Healing Hearts  
13 Crisis Center; to the Department of Public Health and Social Services,  
14 Child and Adult Protective Services Divisions; to Sanctuary, Inc.; to the  
15 Sexual Assault Victim Intervention Advocates; to the Andersen Family  
16 Advocacy Program; to the Navy Family Advocacy Committee; to the  
17 Superior Court of Guam Client Services and Family Counseling  
18 Division; to the Department of Youth Affairs; to the Governor's  
19 Community Outreach Federal Programs Office; to Mothers Against  
20 Drunk Driving (MADD); to the Office of the Public Guardian; to  
21 Rainbows for All Children; to the Family Justice Center; to *Inafa' Maolek*;  
22 and to the Honorable Edward B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES  
OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU A NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF APRIL 2012.**

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**JUDITH T. WONPAT, Ed.D**  
**Speaker**

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**TINA ROSE MUNA-BARNES**  
**Legislative Secretary**