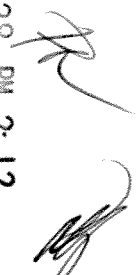


**MINA'TRENTAI UNO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
THIRTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE
2012 (SECOND) Regular Session**

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Resolution No. 537-31 (con)

Introduced by:

ADOLPHO B. PALACIOS, SR.

Relative to recognizing October 2012 as “Family Violence Awareness Month”; to extending a sincere *Un Dangkolo’ Na Si Yu’os Ma’ase’* to the numerous advocates of “Family Violence Awareness Month”; and, to further encouraging the people of Guam to actively unite in the elimination of family violence which continues to impact the lives of many of Guam’s children and families.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINATRENTAI UNO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:

1 **WHEREAS**, it has been proven that family violence can take numerous
2 forms, i.e. physical, sexual, emotional or verbal, directed against a person who
3 is the abuser’s intimate partner, relative or friend. Family violence affects
4 anyone regardless of age, sexual orientation, physical ability, marital status,
5 ethnicity, culture, education, religion or economic status; and

6 **WHEREAS**, research over the years have highlighted that children in
7 homes where abuse among adults occurs, are often neglected at a rate much
8 higher than the national average, and studies further show that children from
9 violent homes have a notably higher risk of alcohol or drug abuse and
10 juvenile delinquency. Compared to adults, children are six (6) times more

1 likely to commit suicide, twenty-four (24) times more likely to commit sexual
2 assault crimes, and fifty (50) times more likely to use drugs or alcohol.
3 Children from abusive homes typically carry these terrible experiences of
4 violence with them into adulthood, ultimately affecting their own families;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, recent statistics provided by the Guam Police Department
7 revealed an alarming rate of family violence on Guam. In 2011, there were
8 approximately one thousand (1,000) violent crimes/family violence related
9 arrests. Of that number, five hundred and forty-five (545) arrests involved
10 offenses against the family and children; and

11 **WHEREAS**, In 2011, the Superior Court of Guam, Courts and
12 Ministerial Division recorded three hundred thirty-four (334) combined cases
13 of felony and misdemeanor family violence, one hundred forty-five (145)
14 combined cases of felony and misdemeanor criminal sexual conduct, and one
15 hundred twenty-five (125) protection orders filed. In addition, the Family
16 Violence Court reported four hundred sixty-seven (467) new family violence,
17 sexual assault and child abuse cases and eight hundred forty-four (844)
18 defendants under supervision by the end of 2011; and

19 **WHEREAS**, In 2011, the Alee Shelter, the Department of Correction's
20 Parole Services Division, Erica's House, the Guam Police Department's Victim
21 Assistance Unit (VAU), the Public Defender Service Corporation, the Office of
22 the Attorney General's Victim Witness Ayuda Services (VWAS) and Victim
23 Advocates Reaching Out (VARO) provided one thousand five hundred forty-

1 nine (1549) victims with direct services, and facilitated additional referrals to
2 other service providers; and

3 **WHEREAS**, family violence is often ignored and tolerated by our
4 society, and many victims feel isolated, ashamed, and even responsible for the
5 abuse, often blaming themselves, with many men and women being reluctant
6 to admit to the incidence of family violence and who often have trouble
7 seeking help beyond their families. This problem leads some experts to
8 believe that the actual prevalence of family violence is much higher than the
9 statistics indicate; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Family Violence and Sexual Assault practitioners and
11 advocates, STOP Violence Against Women subgrantees, government and non-
12 government organizations, faith-based organizations, and other community
13 partners have joined forces to directly and collectively confront this family
14 violence crises. These community organizations include the following: Alee
15 Shelter -- Catholic Social Service, Andersen Family Support Services -- Fleet
16 and Family Support Services; the Archdiocese of Hagatna; the Office of the
17 Attorney General -- Crime Victim Response Unit; the Department of
18 Corrections – Parole Division/Training; the Department of Education; the
19 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse – Healing Hearts Crisis
20 Center; the Department of Public Health and Social Services; the Department
21 of Youth Affairs; Erica’s House – Visitation Center; the Governor’s
22 Community Outreach -- Federal Programs Office; the Guam Housing and
23 Urban Renewal Authority; I Liheslaturan Guahan; the Guam Police

1 Department – Victim Assistance Unit; Guma’Mami, Inc.; Inafa’Maolek; the
2 Mayor’s Council of Guam; Guam’s Media; Mothers Against Drunk Driving
3 (MADD); the Public Defender Service Corporation; the Guam Judiciary – the
4 Superior Court of Guam Family Violence Court, the Judicial Council, and the
5 Superior Court of Guam Probation and Marshals Divisions; Sanctuary, Inc.;
6 the University of Guam; and the Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO);
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, the incredible effort, compassion, and untiring dedication
9 of these volunteers, professionals, and organizations in addressing family
10 violence on Guam deserve recognition and support by our entire community;
11 now therefore be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trentai Uno na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby
13 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognizes October 2012 as “Family Violence
14 Awareness Month” and extends a sincere *Un Dangkolo’ Na Si Yu’os Ma’ase’* to
15 the numerous advocates of “Family Violence Awareness Month,” and further
16 encourages the people of Guam to actively unite in the elimination of family
17 violence which continues to impact the lives of many of Guam’s children and
18 families; and be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Secretary of the
20 Legislature attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be
21 thereafter transmitted to Honorable F. Phillip Carbullido, Chief Justice,
22 Judiciary of Guam; to the Honorable Alberto Lamorena, Presiding Judge,

1 Superior Court of Guam; to the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief
2 Judge, U.S. District Court, Guam;
to the Honorable Michael J. Bordallo, Judge, Superior Court of Guam Family
Violence Court; to Ms. Sirri Aileen Wilson, Superior Court of Guam Family
Violence Court Coordinator; to the Honorable Leonardo M. Rapadas,
Attorney General of Guam; to Chief Fred E. Bordallo, Guam Police
Department; to Attorney Eric D. Miller, Executive Director, Public Defender
Service Corporation; to the Catholic Social Services Alee Shelter, to the
Andersen Family Support Services Fleet and Family Support Services; to the
Archdiocese of Hagatna; to the Office of the Attorney General's Crime Victim
Response Unit; to the Department of Corrections' Parole Division/Training; to
the Department of Education; to the Department of Mental Health and
Substance Abuse's Healing Hearts Crisis Center; to the Department of Public
Health and Social Services; to the Department of Youth Affairs; to Erica's
House Visitation Center; to the Governor's Community Outreach Federal
Programs Office; to the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority; to *I*
Liheslaturan Guahan; to the Guam Police Department's Victim Assistance Unit;
to Guma'Mami, Inc.; to Inafa'Maolek; to the Mayor's Council of Guam; to
members of Guam's Media; to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD); to
the Superior Judicial Council; to the and the Superior Court of Guam
Probation and Marshals Divisions; to Sanctuary, Inc.; to the University of
Guam; to Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO); and to the Honorable
Edward J. B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THIS _ DAY OF _____, 2012.

JUDITH T. WON PAT

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SENATOR ADOLPHO B. PALACIOS, SR.

Chairman

September 28, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators
Clerk of the Legislature

FROM: Senator Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr. 

SUBJECT: Resolution Presentation.

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Hafa Adai!

Please join me in presenting the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 537 -31 (CR): "Relative to recognizing October 2012 as "Family Violence Awareness Month"; to extending a sincere *Un Dangkolo' Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to the numerous advocates of "Family Violence Awareness Month"; and, to further encouraging the people of Guam to actively unite in the elimination of family violence which continues to impact the lives of many of Guam's children and families."

The presentation for this resolution is scheduled for **Friday, October 5, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.** at the Atrium of the Guam Judicial Center. Thank you for your kind attention.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase!