

**IMINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
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Resolution No 549-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the month of October, 2012, as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; to honor those individuals who have lost their lives to breast cancer; to celebrate those who have survived the disease; and to pledge to continue to combat this terrible illness.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** President Barack Obama has proclaimed October
4 2012 to be National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and to encourage
5 citizens, government agencies, private businesses, nonprofit
6 organizations, and all other interested groups to join in activities that
7 will increase awareness of what Americans can do to prevent breast
8 cancer; and

9 **WHEREAS,** breast cancer strikes women (and a few men) of all
10 backgrounds, races, ethnicities and ages, and is the leading cause of
11 cancer deaths among all women under the age of 45; and

12 **WHEREAS,** breast cancer in young women is more aggressive,
13 and any delays in diagnosis and treatment can have serious
14 consequences, many of which could be countered by breast cancer
15 education and awareness; and

16 **WHEREAS,** young women faced with breast cancer have unique
17 challenges since they are in their prime childbearing years and may
18 need fertility counseling, family counseling, genetic counseling, and
19 social and psychological support; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 2012, the American Cancer Society (ACS) has
2 estimated that there will be about 226,870 new cases of invasive breast
3 cancer in women in the United States; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the ACS also estimates that about 63,000 new cases of
5 CIS (carcinoma in situ) will be found, which is the non-invasive, earliest
6 form of breast cancer; and the ACS also estimates that about 39,510
7 deaths from breast cancer in women will occur in the United States in
8 2012; and

9 **WHEREAS**, older women, and those who have a personal or
10 family history of breast cancer, are among those at greatest risk of
11 developing the illness, and early detection is key in the fight against the
12 disease; and

13 **WHEREAS**, screening mammograms can help detect breast cancer
14 in its early stages, and persons of both sexes should speak with their
15 health care providers about this disease to learn more about symptoms,
16 diagnosis, and treatment; now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on
18 behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby recognize October, 2012, to
19 be National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Guam; and be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that women should make an effort this month to see
21 their health care provider about a mammogram if they have not done so
22 recently, because delays in diagnosis and treatment can have serious
23 consequences, many of which could be countered through breast cancer
24 education and awareness; and be it further

25 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
26 hereby encourage all residents, businesses, agencies, organizations,
27 groups and individuals to join in activities that will increase awareness
28 of what can be done to prevent breast cancer; and be it further

29 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the

1 Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
2 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
3 the Community Managers of the Guam branch of the American Cancer
4 Society, Ms Marisha Artero and Ms Tina Noket; and to the Honorable
5 Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON
RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON
THIS DAY OF OCTOBER, 2012.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary