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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 them for their noble efforts on the observance of April 21 to 27, 2013, as "National Crime Victims’ Rights Week: New Challenges, New Solutions."

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA‘TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, 33 years ago, the "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" was declared by President Ronald W. Reagan, and observed in the month of April, to help
increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of the victims and survivors of crime; and

WHEREAS, "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" will be observed on the week of April 21st through the 27th, 2013, and provides an opportunity to celebrate the energy, creativity, and commitment that launched the victims’ rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims; and

WHEREAS, during the “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week,” the people of Guam and our nation acknowledge and reflect on the devastating impact of various crime acts against individuals, families and communities; and that a crime can leave a lasting physical, emotional, and financial impact on people of all ages and abilities, and of all economic, racial, and social backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims’ Rights Week is an appropriate occasion to recognize the many services and volunteer support programs that help to ensure that critical resources are available to help victims begin rebuilding their lives; and

WHEREAS, at the national level, 18.7 million Americans are directly harmed by crime each year; and at the local level, in 2012, the Victim/Witness Ayuda Services of the Office of the Attorney General performed 379 intake cases involving family violence victims; 153 cases involving aggravated assault victims; 98 cases involving criminal sexual conduct victims; 23 cases involving child abuse victims; and 12 cases involving stalking victims; and during that same period, there was a total of 537 juvenile crime cases in which there was a victim; and

WHEREAS, since 1981, assistance for crime victims has grown to over 10,000 national and local government and community-based programs, with more than 32,000 federal and state statutes enacted to define, improve, and protect the rights of crime victims and survivors, and to provide help and support to child victims of
violence and sexual abuse; stalking victims; survivors of homicide victims; victims of
drunk-driving crashes; and victims of domestic, dating and sexual violence, and other
crimes; and

WHEREAS, the victim assistance community faces new challenges in reaching
and serving all victims, including victims of new crimes, like cybercrime and
terrorism, and victims who have not always trusted the criminal justice system, to
include victims of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, on Guam, community-based organizations and government
agencies continue to provide services to crime victims and survivors, to include the
Victim Witness *Ayuda* Services of the Office of the Attorney General; the Guam
Police Department’s Criminal Investigation Section and Victim Assistance Unit; the
Guam Fire Department; the Department of Corrections Parole Services; the Judiciary's
Marshal and Probation Divisions; the Catholic Social Service ALEE Shelter; Victim
Advocates Reaching Out (VARO); Erica's House; Guam Legal Services Corporation;
*Guma’ Mami*, Inc.; the Archdiocese of Agaña; the Public Defender Service
Corporation; the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Healing Hearts
Crisis Center; the Department of Public Health and Social Services, Child and Adult
Protective Services Divisions; Sanctuary, Inc.; Sexual Assault Victim Intervention
Advocates; the Andersen Family Advocacy Program; the Navy Family Advocacy
Committee; the Superior Court of Guam Client Services and Family Counseling
Division; the Department of Youth Affairs; the Governor's Community Outreach
Federal Programs Office; Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD); the Office of the
Public Guardian; Rainbows for All Children; the Family Justice Center; *Inafa’
Maolek*; and the Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence; and

WHEREAS, all of the victim service providers and criminal justice agencies
now join forces with the community to raise awareness of victims’ rights during the
observance of “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week,” as well as to seek new solutions that involve new partnerships with the underserved community, and placing emphasis on learning what works in meeting victims’ needs; and

WHEREAS, despite the outstanding work of those involved in these government and community-based organizations over the past 33 years, these entities continue to face challenges as they work to ensure that crime victims and survivors are treated with dignity and respect, and are given the resources and support critical to their recovery; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, commend 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, during the observance of April 21 to 27, 2013, as “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week: New Challenges, New Solutions”; and does further encourage the people of our island to join the nation in honoring the victims and survivors of crime, as our community helps to ensure that all victims and survivors are afforded legal rights and support to deal with the financial, physical, spiritual, psychological, and social impacts of crime; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Victim Witness Ayuda Services of the Office of the Attorney General; to the Guam Police Department’s Criminal Investigation Section and Victim Assistance Unit; to the Guam Fire Department; to the Department of Corrections Parole Services; to the Judiciary's Marshal and Probation Divisions; to the Catholic Social Service ALEE Shelter; to Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO); to Erica's House; to the Guam Legal Services Corporation; to the Guma'
Mami, Inc.; to the Archdiocese of Agaña; to the Public Defender Service Corporation; to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Healing Hearts Crisis Center; to the Department of Public Health and Social Services, Child and Adult Protective Services Divisions; to Sanctuary, Inc.; to the Sexual Assault Victim Intervention Advocates; to the Andersen Family Advocacy Program; to the Navy Family Advocacy Committee; to the Superior Court of Guam Client Services and Family Counseling Division; to the Department of Youth Affairs; to the Governor's Community Outreach Federal Programs Office; to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD); to the Office of the Public Guardian; to Rainbows for All Children; to the Family Justice Center; to Inafa’ Maolek; to the Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence; 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 DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 19TH DAY OF APRIL 2013.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  
Speaker

RORY RESPICIO  
Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES  
Acting Legislative Secretary
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