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Relative to commending the Lupus Awareness Group of Guam for organizing the “Lupus: Learning & Living” forum; and to further extending a warm and sincere Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’ for its continued advocacy and awareness of Lupus in our island community.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the Lupus Awareness Group of Guam (LAGG) is an independent not-for-profit organization chartered in Guam on April 14, 2012. The LAGG is affiliated, but not incorporated, with the Lupus Foundation of America; and
WHEREAS, the group strives to continue to uphold its mission statement, which states: “The Lupus Awareness Group of Guam is an organization dedicated to provide support, increase awareness, and advocate for individuals and their families affected by lupus on Guam”; and

WHEREAS, lupus is a chronic, autoimmune disease that can damage any part of the body, including skin, joints, and/or organs inside the body. It is also a disease of flares and remissions, which can range from mid to life-threatening and should always be treated by a doctor; and

WHEREAS, lupus is not contagious and it affects any race and ethnic group. It strikes mostly women of child-bearing age. However, the disease can also be developed in men, children, and teenagers; and

WHEREAS, a new survey conducted by the Lupus Foundation of America found that those at greatest risk for lupus have never heard of the disease, or know little or nothing about lupus beyond the name; and

WHEREAS, on Guam, this situation is further exacerbated by the lack of rheumatologists who specialize in autoimmune diseases, such as lupus; and

WHEREAS, the Lupus Awareness Group of Guam is organizing a forum entitled: “Lupus: Learning and Living,” to provide information to affected individuals and families. Understanding the disease fuels a great urgency for increased information and awareness of lupus through patient education that will empower patients to make informed decisions and take charge of their condition; and

WHEREAS, the LAGG is led by the dedicated volunteers on the Board Directors, namely, Joann Santos, Amy Anderson, Alicia Roberto, Norma Pinaula, Lucinda Cruz, Joleen Fejeran, Trina Cruz, Geri Leon Guerrero, Travona Shievyal and Loling Field; and the Board Advisors are Melvin Santos, Claire Cruz and Lorna Anderson; and
WHEREAS, since its inception last year, the Lupus Awareness Group of Guam has been involved in various community activities and outreach events in continuing to advocate for lupus awareness on Guam. Among these events include the Sunset Wave, the Meet & Greet with specialists and individuals with lupus, participating in informative presentations, and fundraising events; and

WHEREAS, on October 2012, LAGG collaborated with the office of Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. to bring a Rheumatologist to Guam to speak with the community about autoimmune diseases, especially lupus. On May 25, 2013, the group is hosting another forum entitled: “Lupus: Learning & Living” for families and individuals with lupus; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and dedication of the Lupus Awareness Group of Guam has become a resource for individuals and families affected with lupus. LAGG continues to provide information and awareness to families in our island community to become more aware of the autoimmune disease, and be able to help them cope and live with lupus; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina’Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the Lupus Awareness Group of Guam for organizing the “Lupus: Learning & Living” Forum; and does further extend a warm Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’ for its continued advocacy and awareness of lupus in our island community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Lupus Awareness Group of Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga’låhen Guåhan.
DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 21ST DAY OF MAY, 2013.

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary