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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I

MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the 2013 Women’s Regional Summit will highlight the issues of sexual assault, family violence, and women’s awareness on Guam. Various agencies and organizations will discuss prevention, advocacy, and intervention that are available to our community. In an effort to end the violence, Guam’s leaders,
community advocates, and the youth have the opportunity to come together and give the victims of this ongoing crisis a voice; and

WHEREAS, violence and abuse can happen to anyone, yet the problem is often overlooked, excused, or denied. Whether the abuse is psychological or physical, the outcome is still the same and many of our people are becoming victims. Noticing and acknowledging signs of abuse and violence are the first steps to ending this crisis. Everyone has the right to a voice and to a life not overshadowed by fear. It all starts with breaking the silence; and

WHEREAS, domestic abuse often escalates from threats and verbal abuse to violence. And while physical injury may be the most obvious danger, the emotional and psychological consequences of domestic abuse are also severe. Emotionally abusive relationships can destroy one’s self-worth, lead to anxiety and depression, and make one feel helpless and alone; and

WHEREAS, according to U.S. statistics on domestic and dating violence, dating violence is the leading cause of injury to young women. Nearly one quarter of girls who have been in a relationship reported going further sexually than they wanted to as a result of pressure. About forty percent (40%) of teenage girls ages 14 to 17 say they know someone their age that has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend. Approximately seventy percent (70%) of young female rape victims knew their rapist, either as a boyfriend, friend or casual acquaintance. Six out of ten rapes of young females occur in their home, or a friend or relative’s home. Additionally, females who are 20 to 24 years of age are at risk for intimate partner violence; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Superior Court of Guam, Courts and Ministerial Division, recorded three hundred eighty-eight (388) combined cases of felony and misdemeanor family violence, one hundred (100) combined cases of felony and
misdemeanor criminal sexual conduct, and one hundred thirty-seven (137) protection
orders filed; and

WHEREAS, recent studies have shown that the level of family violence and
sexual assault on Guam is still reaching an alarming amount. A new survey conducted
by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) reports that, in one 24-
hour period, 28 victims of domestic violence on Guam, and their children, received
life-saving services from local domestic violence organizations. The Alee Shelter with
the Catholic Social Service provided a portion of these victims with emergency
shelters or transitional housing for their safety and comfort; and

WHEREAS, the National Network to End Domestic Violence has been a
premier organization advancing the movement against domestic violence for the past
fifteen (15) years, after leading efforts among domestic violence advocates and
survivors in urging Congress to pass the landmark “Violence Against Women Act” of
1994. Furthermore, the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence,
established in 2006 as a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization, is comprised of non-profit
organizations, government allies, community individuals, and other Coalition
partners, who aim to stop sexual assault and family violence on Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Family Violence and Sexual Assault practitioners and
advocates, the STOP Violence Against Women sub-grantees, government and non-
governmental organizations, faith-based organizations, and other community partners
have joined forces to directly and collectively confront this family violence crisis.
These community organizations include the following: Alee Shelter - Catholic Social
Service; Andersen Family Support Services - Fleet and Family Support Services; the
Archdiocese of Agaña; the Office of the Attorney General - Crime Victim Response
Unit; the Association of Individual, Family and Marriage Therapists; Big Brothers Big
Sisters of Guam - Mentoring Organization; the Department of Corrections - Parole
Division/Training; the Guam Department of Education; the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center – Healing Hearts Crisis Center; the Department of Public Health and Social Services; the Department of Youth Affairs; Erica’s House – Visitation Center; the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence; the Governor’s Community Outreach - Federal Programs Office; the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority; I Liheslaturan Guåhan; the Guam Legal Services Corporation – Disability Law Center; the Guam Sexual Assault and Abuse Resource Center Association; the Guam Police Department – Victim Assistance Unit; Guma’Mami, Inc.; Inafa’maolek; the Mayors’ Council of Guam; Guam’s Media; Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD); Naval Family Support Services - Fleet and Family Support Services; the Oasis Empowerment Center; the Public Defender Service Corporation; the Guam Judiciary – the Superior Court of Guam Family Violence Court, the Judicial Council, and the Superior Court of Guam Probation and Marshals Divisions; Sanctuary, Inc.; the University of Guam; the Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO); and the WestCare Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, the incredible effort, compassion, and untiring dedication of these volunteers, professionals, and organizations in addressing sexual assault and family violence on Guam deserve recognition and support by our entire community; 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, support and recognize the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence and the Guam Legislature in co-sponsoring a women’s regional summit against sexual assault and family violence; and does further extend a sincere Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’ to the numerous advocates of “Family Violence
Awareness Month” in its efforts to strengthen our community to work together to end violence, and to become victims no more; 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 Honorable F. Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Guam; to the Honorable Alberto Lamorena, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Guam; to the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court of Guam; to the Honorable Michael J. Bordallo, Judge, Superior Court of Guam Family Violence Court; to Ms. Janice Camacho, Superior Court of Guam Family Violence Court Coordinator; to the Honorable Leonardo M. Rapadas, Attorney General of Guam; to Chief of Police Fred E. Bordallo, Guam Police Department; to Attorney Eric D. Miller, Executive Director, Public Defender Service Corporation; to the Catholic Social Service Alee Shelter; to the Andersen Family Support Services, Fleet and Family Support Services; to the Archdiocese of Agaña; to the Office of the Attorney General’s Crime Victim Response Unit; to the Association of Individual, Family and Marriage Therapists; to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam; to the Department of Corrections’ Parole Division/Training; to the Guam Department of Education; to the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, 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 Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence; to the Governor’s Community Outreach Federal Programs Office; to the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority; to I Liheslaturan Guåhan; to the Guam Legal Services Corporation – Disability Law Center; to the Guam Sexual Assault and Abuse Resource Center Association; to the Guam Police Department’s Victim Assistance Unit; to Guma’Mami, Inc.; to Inafa’maolek; to the Mayors’ Council of Guam; to members of

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DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA ‘TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2013

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairman, Committee on Rules

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