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

WHEREAS, over thirty 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

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Introduced by:

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Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
WHEREAS, "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" will be observed on the week of April 6 to April 12, 2014, 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 crime victims begin rebuilding their lives; and

WHEREAS, on a national level, Americans are victims of more than twenty-two million crimes each year; and these crimes also affect family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these challenges, crime victims face criminal, military, and juvenile justice systems that, at times, ignore their rights and treat them with disrespect; and

WHEREAS, the victim assistance community faces new challenges to reach and serve all victims, including victims of newly recognized crimes, such as domestic minor sex trafficking and cybercrime; and victims who have not always trusted the criminal justice system, including immigrant victims, urban youth, and victims who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender; and
WHEREAS, at the local level, in 2013?, the Victim/Witness Ayuda Services of the Office of the Attorney General handled 430 intake cases involving family violence victims; sixty-six cases involving aggravated assault victims; seventy-nine cases involving criminal sexual conduct victims; twenty-nine cases involving child abuse victims; and fifteen cases involving stalking victims; and during that same time period, there was a total of 423 juvenile crime cases in which there was a victim; 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; the Guam Legal Services Corporation; Guma’ Mami, Inc.; the Archdiocese of Agaña; the Public Defender Service Corporation; the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, Healing Hearts Crisis Center; the Department of Public Health and Social Services, Child and Adult Protective Services Divisions; Sanctuary, Inc.; the 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; the Oasis Empowerment Center; 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 thirty-four 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 that are critical to their recovery; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Lihesluran Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Lihesluran 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 6 to April 12, 2014, as “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week: 30 Years: Restoring the Balance of Justice”; 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 crime 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
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DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 8TH DAY OF APRIL 2014.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES  
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