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Relative to recognizing and commending the Guam Homeland Security (GHS) and the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) for providing exceptional service and support to the people of Guam; and to further extending Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'âse' to the GHS and OCD for their unwavering commitment to carrying out the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s mission in preserving the homeland security and defense on the local and national level.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÂHAN:

WHEREAS, the Guam Homeland Security (GHS) has upheld its mission to protect the people of Guam since its inception in 2003, and it has worked diligently to
carry out the mission of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, with its counterparts and allies, in the protection of the American people; and

WHEREAS, the GHS continues to be the counterpart agency of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in coordinating America’s defensive efforts, and in overseeing the homeland security here on Guam. The protection and well-being of our island and its people requires that our government fully support the national homeland security’s endeavors, and the GHS continues to do so in an exceptional manner; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), since its establishment in 1951, has similarly worked to carry out its mission to ensure Guam is prepared for disasters or emergencies; to provide for the common defense; to protect the public’s peace, health and safety; and to preserve the lives and property of the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, to date, the GHS and OCD have been able to build strong partnerships with all of the government of Guam agencies, the private sector, and our U.S. military counterparts by actively promoting the importance of the protection and well-being of our island and its people; and by also conveying to them the importance of supporting the national homeland security’s endeavors; and

WHEREAS, in supporting the endeavors, the GHS and OCD have adopted comprehensive and well-coordinated plans that fully ensure the safety of Guam and its people. These plans include the protection of key resources, whether publicly or privately owned, that play a major part of our economy; and the protection of Guam and its people from terrorism, invasion, insurrection, rebellion, lawless violence, or any possible threat, whether man-made or natural; and

WHEREAS, the GHS and OCD continue to uphold the mission of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, as they have continuously put forth plans for disaster preparedness, and actions of response for the numerous tropical storms and
typhoons our island has endured. The Agencies have also been partners of our neighboring islands in the Western Pacific, as they too have been faced with natural calamities; and

WHEREAS, the government of Guam has been an excellent partner of the GHS and OCD, as it has also put forth the resources and services needed by our island community during dangerous weather conditions, and potential man-made threats to our island community; and

WHEREAS, the GHS and OCD’s commitment to their mission to protect our people continues to strengthen, and the Agencies continue to be a recipient of numerous grant awards that fund various programs and efforts that ensure the Agencies have the ability to plan and respond to various events and attacks. The leadership within the GHS and OCD, including Mr. Jim McDonald, Mr. Ambrosio Constantino, and their staff, has been instrumental in the productivity pertaining to the GHS and OCD’s mission; and

WHEREAS, recently, the GHS and OCD activated the Joint Information Center (JIC) to ensure our preparedness and response for the tropical storms that occurred in July and August 2014. Immediately, the GHS and OCD took the helm and brought forth the most comprehensive information and warning to the people of Guam, so that they may be better prepared for the projected dangers to our island from these severe storms; and

WHEREAS, various individuals in the government of Guam, the U.S. military, and the private sector were able to be part of the Agencies’ efforts during the planning to prepare our island for these storms. Through these collaborative efforts led by the GHS and OCD, our people were able to get to shelters and prepare for the storms. The commitment by the GHS and OCD to protect our island and its people continues to be unwavering; now therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that I Mina’Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the Guam Homeland Security (GHS) and the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) for providing exceptional service and support to the people of Guam; and does further extend Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to the GHS and OCD for their unwavering commitment to carrying out the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s mission in preserving the homeland security and defense on the local and national level; 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 Guam Homeland Security and the Office of Civil Defense; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 19TH DAY OF AUGUST 2014.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker  Legislative Secretary