

**I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS**

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377-35 (COR)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes	Relative to recognizing the month of October 2020 as "Family Violence Awareness Month"; and commending the numerous organizations in our community for their tremendous efforts to raise awareness and end violence; and to further acknowledge the challenges they face to address family violence during the COVID-19 Pandemic.	9/21/20 11:12 a.m.	TBA						

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Introduced by:

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED *I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÁHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS,** Family Violence is a pattern of abusive behavior used by one
4 individual to gain or maintain power and control over another. It is an alarming and
5 pervasive problem that impacts the lives of millions of people each year; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Family Violence is the occurrence of one (1) or more of the
7 following acts by a family or household member, but does not include acts of self-
8 defense or defense of others: attempting to cause or causing bodily injury to another
9 family or household member; and placing a family or household member in fear of
10 bodily injury; and

11 **WHEREAS,** Family Violence can happen to anyone regardless of race, age,
12 sexual orientation, religion or gender; and it affects people of all socioeconomic

1 backgrounds and education levels, yet the problem is often overlooked, excused or
2 denied; and

3 **WHEREAS**, violence and abuse occur in both opposite-sex and same-sex
4 relationships; and can happen to intimate partners who are married, living together or
5 dating; and

6 **WHEREAS**, violence not only affects those who are abused, but also has a
7 substantial effect on family members, friends, co-workers, other witnesses, and the
8 community at large; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in an effort to further contribute to the end of family violence, the
10 Office of the Attorney General of Guam created the Family Violence Registry, a
11 website designed to help ensure the safety and well-being of the public by providing
12 any person who utilizes this website with an opportunity to obtain information relating
13 to the criminal history records of offenders who have repeat convictions of family,
14 domestic, or dating violence, and/or stalking; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in addition, the Family Violence Registry showed one hundred
16 and one (101) case files/records relating to those persons and their cases who have
17 met the criteria under Title 9 GCA, § 30.200(a), with all one hundred and one (101)
18 being Level 1 Offenders (any person who on two (2) occasions or more have been
19 convicted of a family, domestic, or dating violence, and/or stalking offense); and

20 **WHEREAS**, according to the Office of the Attorney General FY 2018 Citizen-
21 Centric Report family violence was one of the highest reported crimes in Guam, with
22 three hundred seventy-seven (377) reported cases; and

23 **WHEREAS**, recent studies prior to the COVID-19 pandemic had shown that
24 the level of family violence and sexual assault on Guam was reaching an alarming
25 rate. A recent survey conducted on September 12, 2019, by the National Network to
26 End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) reported that, in one (1) twenty-four (24)-hour

1 period, twenty-seven (27) victims of domestic violence on Guam, and their children,
2 received life-saving services from local domestic violence organizations; and

3 **WHEREAS**, when the COVID-19 pandemic had reached Guam in March
4 2020, the number of calls to these resource centers had increased drastically as more
5 victims were forced into self-isolation with their abusers; and according to the Guam
6 Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) the 24-hour crisis hotline at
7 GBHWC was receiving around twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) calls per day, compared
8 to the twenty-five (25) calls it usually receives per month; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Family violence during the global pandemic requires the
10 collective voice and power of individuals, families, institutions, and system-each
11 whose role and contribution adds a valuable and powerful component to transforming
12 our communities; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Guam Coalition against Sexual Assault & Family Violence and
14 Sexual Assault practitioners and advocates, the STOP Violence Against Women sub-
15 grantees, government and non-governmental organizations, faith-based organizations,
16 and other community partners have taken steps to directly and collectively confront
17 this family violence crisis. These community organizations include the following: the
18 Andersen Air Force Base (AAFB) Sexual Assault and Prevention Response Office;
19 the AAFB Family Advocacy Program; the Archdiocese of Agaña; the Association of
20 Individual, Marriage and Family Therapist (AIMFT); the Catholic Social Service-Alee
21 Shelter; to the Honorable Michael F. Q. San Nicolas, Guam Delegate to the U.S.
22 House of Representatives; the Guam Department of Education; the Department of
23 Integrated Services for Individual with Disabilities (DISID); the Department of Public
24 Health & Social Services (DPHSS); Erica's House Inc.; the Guam Coalition Against
25 Sexual Assault And Family Violence; The Governor's Community Outreach-Federal
26 Programs Office (GCO-FPO); the Guam National Guard-Sexual Assault Prevention

1 and Response Program; the Guam Community College; The Guam Legal Services
2 Corporation-Disability Law Center (GLSC-DLC); the Guam Police Department-
3 Domestic Assault Response Team; the Guam Sexual Assault and Abuse Resource
4 Center Association (SAARCA); GALA; Guama' Mami, Inc.; The Healing Hearts
5 Crisis Center-Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center; the Judiciary of Guam;
6 the Mayors Council of Guam; the Navy Fleet/Family Support-Navy Fleet and Family
7 Advocacy Program; the Navy SAPR-Naval Base Guam Sexual Assault Prevention
8 and Response Program; the Office of the Attorney General of Guam; Pacific Human
9 Resources Services Inc.; the Public Defender Corporation; Sanctuary, Inc.; the
10 Salvation Army Guam Corps; the U.S. Attorney's Office; the University of Guam-
11 Violence Against Women Prevention Program (UOG-VAWPP); Victim Advocates
12 Reaching Out (VARO); and WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI); and

13 **WHEREAS**, the incredible effort, compassion, and untiring dedication of these
14 volunteers, professionals, and organizations in addressing sexual assault and family
15 violence on Guam deserve recognition and support by our entire community; now
16 therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules *of I Mina'trentai Singko Na*
18 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the
19 month of October 2020, as "Family Violence Awareness Month"; and commends the
20 numerous organizations in our community for their tremendous efforts to raise
21 awareness and end violence; and further acknowledges the challenges they face to
22 address family violence during the COVID-19 Pandemic; and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chair of the Committee on Rules certify,
24 and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same
25 be thereafter transmitted the Andersen Air Force Base (AAFB) Sexual Assault and
26 Prevention Response Office; the AAFB Family Advocacy Program; the Archdiocese of

1 Agaña; the Association of Individual, Marriage and Family Therapist (AIMFT); the
2 Catholic Social Service-Alee Shelter; to the Honorable Michael F. Q. San Nicolas,
3 Guam Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives; the Guam Department of
4 Education; the Department of Integrated Services for Individual with Disabilities
5 (DISID); the Department of Public Health & Social Services (DPHSS); Erica’s House
6 Inc.; the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault And Family Violence; The Governor’s
7 Community Outreach-Federal Programs Office (GCO-FPO); the Guam National
8 Guard-Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program; the Guam Community
9 College; The Guam Legal Services Corporation-Disability Law Center (GLSC-DLC);
10 the Guam Police Department-Domestic Assault Response Team; the Guam Sexual
11 Assault and Abuse Resource Center Association (SAARCA); GALA; Guama’ Mami,
12 Inc.; The Healing Hearts Crisis Center-Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center;
13 the Judiciary of Guam; the Mayors Council of Guam; the Navy Fleet/Family Support-
14 Navy Fleet and Family Advocacy Program; the Navy SAPR-Naval Base Guam Sexual
15 Assault Prevention and Response Program; the Office of the Attorney General of Guam;
16 Pacific Human Resources Services Inc.; the Public Defender Corporation; Sanctuary,
17 Inc.; the Salvation Army Guam Corps; the U.S. Attorney’s Office; the University of
18 Guam- Violence Against Women Prevention Program (UOG-VAWPP); Victim
19 Advocates Reaching Out (VARO); and WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI); and to the
20 Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY OF
MONTH 2020.**

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chair, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary