

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 12 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing the month of February 2009 as "Mentor Awareness and Appreciation Month" with programs and activities coordinated by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam, and to commending its efforts in raising awareness and support with the people of Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1904, a young New York City court clerk named Ernest
4 Coulter, set out to search for caring adults to assist the many young boys and
5 girls coming through his courtroom, marking the beginning of the movement
6 and mission of what would eventually become the modern day Big Brothers
7 Big Sisters Organization; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters has been to help
9 children reach their prospective goals, as it continues to be the leader in one-
10 to-one youth service for more than a century, developing positive relationships
11 that have a direct and long lasting impact on the lives of young people,
12 mentoring children ages six (6) through eighteen (18) throughout the world;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, the mentoring programs of Big Brothers Big Sisters – which
15 have been endorsed by Presidents and First Ladies, including: Theodore
16 Roosevelt, Calvin Coolidge, Bill Clinton, and Laura Bush, whom have shown,
17 through national research, that positive relationships between youth and their
18 Big Brothers Big Sisters mentors have a direct and measurable impact on
19 children's lives. By participating in our youth mentoring programs, Little
20 Brothers and Sisters are forty-six percent (46%) less likely to begin using illegal
21 drugs, twenty-seven percent (27%) less likely to begin using alcohol and fifty-
22 two percent (52%) less likely to skip school; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam seeks to provide the same
2 quality volunteer and professional mentoring services for children and youth
3 and to assist the children in achieving their highest potential as they grow to
4 become responsible men and women; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the corporate mentoring partners with Big Brothers Big
6 Sisters of Guam, including the Bank of Guam; the Bank of Hawaii; and
7 Citibank, N.A., have unconditionally devoted their time and efforts to
8 positively influence students around the island; and

9 **WHEREAS**, students attending Price Elementary School, Maria Ulloa
10 Elementary School, Carbullido Elementary School, Tamuning Elementary
11 School, Marcial Sablan Elementary School, Upi Elementary School, Agueda I.
12 Johnston Middle School, Vicente S.A. Benavente Middle School, F.B. Leon
13 Guerrero Middle School, Untalan Middle School, and Mt. Carmel School were
14 able to receive support through intervention and prevention programs, as well
15 as educational and community involvement, allowing each child to achieve
16 their potential and function in society with a greater degree of independence;
17 and

18 **WHEREAS**, the community mentor partners with Big Brothers Big
19 Sisters of Guam including Island Girl Power!, the Mangilao Mayor’s Office, the
20 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, and the Department of
21 Youth Affairs, continue to promote the accessibility of mentoring programs

1 through various activities available at their agencies by their persistent
2 support, hard work and dedication; and

3 **WHEREAS**, individual volunteers and members of private and
4 voluntary organizations have come forward to offer Big Brothers Big Sisters of
5 Guam their services to work toward improving the lives of our children on the
6 island of Guam; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
8 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
9 people of Guam, recognize the month of February 2009 as "Mentor Awareness
10 and Appreciation Month"; does urge the island community to actively
11 participate in promoting greater understanding of mentoring a child; and does
12 further commend the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam, corporate partners,
13 community partners, and volunteers who have made great strides, who
14 continue to help raise the awareness, and who without fail offer their support
15 in mentoring a child; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
17 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
18 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Big Brothers Big Sisters of
19 Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 14TH DAY OF
JANUARY, 2009.



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