

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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Relative to recognizing the month of April 2009 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month", to honoring sexual assault victims and survivors, and to commending the employees of government and non-government agencies and volunteers of private organizations for providing care and services to victims.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN**
2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is aimed at bringing
4 attention to the fact that rape and sexual assault remains a serious issue in our
5 community; and

6 **WHEREAS**, victims and survivors of sexual assault are to be treated
7 with dignity, compassion and respect; and

8 **WHEREAS**, it is essential that services and support programs are
9 provided to victims and survivors to help cope with the consequences of
10 sexual assault through counseling, medical services, food, and transportation;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family
13 Violence in collaboration with the Healing Hearts Crisis Center of the
14 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse have forged partnerships
15 with Government agencies and private organizations to enhance the quality
16 of care for victims and survivors of sexual violence ; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Healing Hearts Crisis Center has provided services
18 such as a 24-hour hotline for emergency calls, medical-legal examinations,
19 crisis intervention, advocacy and support referral, and community outreach
20 education and public awareness; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Guam joins the nation in recognizing the month of April
22 2009 as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month”; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Guam recognizes the compassion and dedication of the
2 individuals involved in this effort, applaud their commitment, and the need to
3 increase public understanding of this significant problem; now, therefore, be
4 it

5 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
6 behalf of the people of Guam, honor sexual assault victims and survivors for
7 overcoming the obstacles they face on a daily basis and for having the
8 courage to rebuild their lives; and be it further


9 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
10 behalf of the people of Guam, commend the employees of Government
11 agencies and volunteers of private organizations who provide services and
12 care for sexual assault victims and survivors; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
14 behalf of the people of Guam, further commend the employees and members
15 of the Healing Hearts Crisis Center of the Department of Mental Health and
16 Substance Abuse and the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family
17 Violence Coalition for their efforts in raising awareness about sexual violence,
18 focusing on sexual assault and rape, and in educating the community on how
19 to prevent sexual violence; and be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
21 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
22 transmitted to the Healing Hearts Crisis Center of the Department of Mental

- 1 Health and Substance Abuse; to the Office of the Attorney General; and to the
- 2 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2009.



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Acting Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
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