

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 68 (LS)

As amended.

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Relative to encouraging the people of Guam to observe the week of May 16 to 22, 2009, as “National Safe Boating Week”, and to commending the Guam Safe Boating 2009 Planning Committee for its continued efforts in raising awareness of the importance of boaters always wearing life jackets and practicing safe boating habits.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Guam has been blessed with a vibrant ocean environment
4 that provides many leisure opportunities for its people. For generations,
5 recreational boating has been a favorite way to relax with family and friends;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, safe boating practices are extremely important to all
8 citizens of Guam, because the lives of both boaters and non-boaters can be
9 affected by accidents at sea. Each year, lives and property are needlessly lost
10 in boating accidents, many of which result from a lack of basic knowledge of
11 boating and ocean safety; and

12 **WHEREAS**, numerous government agencies, private groups, and
13 community organizations promote safe boating practices and educate vessel
14 operators about ocean safety principles by offering safe boating courses,
15 conducting search and rescue missions, examining boats for safety
16 equipment, and participating in other activities to keep Guam waters safe;
17 and

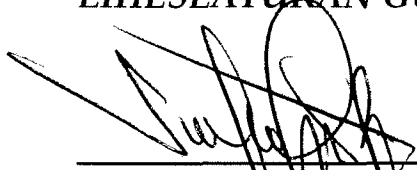
18 **WHEREAS**, each year, “National Safe Boating Week” is observed across
19 the United States and Canada to spread a message of boating safety and
20 encouraging boater education. Important safe boating practices include:
21 knowing how to properly wear a life jacket; carrying proper safety equipment
22 on board a vessel, including, a VHF radio or Emergency Position-Indicating

1 Radio Beacons; obtaining boating safety education; and having a Vessel Safety
2 Check; now, therefore, be it

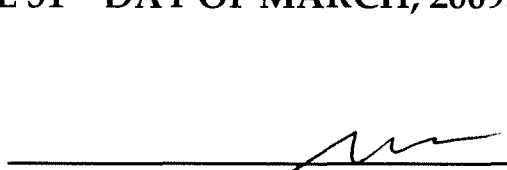
3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
4 behalf of the people of Guam, declare the week of May 16 to 22, 2009, as
5 "National Safe Boating Week", and does commend the Guam Safe Boating
6 2009 Planning Committee for its continued efforts in raising awareness of the
7 importance of boaters always wearing life jackets and practicing safe boating
8 habits; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
10 attests to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
11 transmitted to Gary Wayne Francis Gumataotao, Chairperson of the 2009
12 "National Safe Boating Week" Guam Planning Committee; to Mr. Michael
13 Waterfield, Flotilla Commander of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary;
14 to Captain Thomas Sparks, Commander of the United States Coast Guard
15 Marianas Section; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate
16 to the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
17 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Acting Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Acting Legislative Secretary