

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN**  
**2009 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 173-30 (LS)**

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**Relative to designating August 21, 2009, as "GAIN DAY" in Guam; to recognizing and memorializing the twenty (20) year legacy of Guam Animals in Need of its care and concern for otherwise friendless and homeless dogs and cats; and to extending humble and sincere thanks to the countless volunteers and pet lovers who have supported and nurtured this most worthy enterprise over the years.**

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

3           **WHEREAS**, twenty (20) years ago, thousands of abandoned and  
4 neglected animals, ultimately the responsibility of the government of Guam,  
5 were in desperate straits, often starving and dying, the plight of these  
6 suffering animals generally far from the thoughts and awareness of many of  
7 our citizens; and

8           **WHEREAS**, in 1989, this situation was recognized by the founders of  
9 what is now Guam Animals in Need (GAIN) and for the ensuing twenty (20)  
10 years, and to this very day, this organization has done its utmost to ensure the  
11 proper treatment of animals in Guam; and

12           **WHEREAS**, GAIN has used a variety of tools to achieve this outcome:  
13 some thirty thousand (30,000) abandoned pets and animals have been rescued  
14 and over five thousand (5,000) have been adopted into new homes; affordable  
15 sterilization clinics have dramatically lowered the birth of unwanted animals;  
16 and perhaps most importantly, new and more humane public attitudes about  
17 animals have been encouraged, in part, by education about proper pet care;  
18 and


19           **WHEREAS**, thanks to GAIN, the animal shelter in Yigo has become a  
20 regional example of a well-run and maintained operation of its kind, such that  
21 *I Maga'lahi* (the Governor) is authorized and requested to issue a Proclamation  
22 designating August 21, 2009, as "GAIN DAY", and calling upon the people of

1 Guam to observe this day by pledging to take an active role in reducing the  
2 number of homeless animals on Guam; now, therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
4 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and memorialize the twenty (20)  
5 years of service by Guam Animals in Need to both the people of Guam and to  
6 all of its animals; does extend its congratulations to all of the organizers and  
7 volunteers who have made GAIN and its valued services what they are today;  
8 does request that *I Maga'lahi* (the Governor) issue a Proclamation designating  
9 August 21, 2009, as "GAIN DAY", and does call upon the people of Guam to  
10 observe this day by pledging to take an active role in reducing the number of  
11 homeless animals on Guam; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary  
13 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter  
14 transmitted to Ms. Cindy Bartels, President, Guam Animals In Need (GAIN);  
15 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2009.**

  
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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.  
Speaker

  
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Legislative Secretary