

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 410-30 (LS)

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Relative to recognizing and commending Dr. Ellen P. Bez, Founder and Board President of the Guam Sexual Assault and Abuse Resource Center Association, for her laudable achievements, and for receiving the 2010 Visionary Voice Award from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Ellen Bez worked for the Pacific Medical Center-Isla
4 Health System from 1993 through 1998; from 1998 through 2006, she worked
5 for the Marianas Physicians Group (MPG); and she returned to MPG in 2008,
6 where she currently remains; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Ellen Bez contributed her talents to our local community
8 through her work with the Marianas Physicians Group and the Pacific
9 Medical Center, while she simultaneously worked with the Department of
10 Mental Health and Substance Abuse-Healing Hearts Crisis Center from 1998
11 through the present, where she continues to work with the victims of rape;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Ellen Bez gives selflessly of her time and abilities as she
14 has worked for over fifteen (15) years at the Department of Mental Health and
15 Substance Abuse-Healing Hearts Rape Crisis Center, Guam's only rape crisis
16 center, as a Medical Consultant and Forensic Medical Examiner; and

17 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Ellen Bez, prior to working at the Healing Hearts Rape
18 Crisis Center, served as a volunteer physician helping to train nurses as sexual
19 assault nurse examiners; and

20 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Ellen Bez was instrumental in establishing Guam's
21 Sexual Assault Response Team in 2007; and

1 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Ellen Bez is the Founder and Board President of the
2 Guam Sexual Assault and Abuse Resource Center Association (SAARCA),
3 whose mission is to provide technical assistance and education in the care of
4 victims of sexual assault; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Ellen Bez serves as a Board Member of the Guam
6 Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Ellen Bez successfully applied for a 2009-2010 Office on
8 Violence Against Women grant totaling One Hundred Fifty-six Thousand
9 Dollars (\$156,000) to develop a community advocate program to assist the
10 underserved community in understanding Guam's laws/customs regarding
11 sexual assault and domestic violence; to provide a directory of community
12 resources/services; and to provide information for the victims of crime; and

13 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Ellen Bez was the recipient of the 2009 Soroptimist
14 International-Making a Difference for Women Award; and

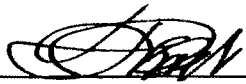
15 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Ellen Bez was recognized and honored by the National
16 Sexual Violence Resource Center as one of the recipients of the 2010 Visionary
17 Voice Awards for her advocacy to prevent sexual violence, and was
18 recognized for her exemplary work in the area of sexual violence prevention;
19 and

20 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Ellen Bez is a hero to our community for the work she
21 does, work that very few people are capable of doing; now, therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
2 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Dr. Ellen P. Bez for her
3 laudable achievements, and for receiving the 2010 Visionary Voice Award
4 from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center; and does further
5 acknowledge Dr. Ellen P. Bez as an important asset to our island community,
6 with her immeasurable contributions and selfless devotion to the victims of
7 rape and abuse; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest
9 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted
10 to Dr. Ellen P. Bez; to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
11 Healing Hearts Rape Crisis Center; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
12 *Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 29TH DAY OF JUNE 2010.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary