

MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 71(LS)

Introduced by:

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Ray Tenorio

Relative to recognizing April 26, 2009 through May 2, 2009 as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" with the theme: "25 Years of Rebuilding Lives: Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act" to honor the victims of crime, and to commend the employees and volunteers of community-based organizations and government agencies who provide critical support and assistance to every crime victim every day, of every week, of every year.

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

1 WHEREAS, "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" was declared twenty-nine
2 years ago by President Ronald W. Reagan to increase public awareness of the rights, needs,
3 and concerns of victims and survivors of crime; and

4 WHEREAS, through volunteer support programs, the people of Guam and our
5 nation can reflect and acknowledge the devastating impact of crime and terrorism on
6 individuals, families, and communities by ensuring that rights, resources, and services are
7 available to help rebuild lives; and

1 **WHEREAS**, since 1981, crime victim assistance has grown to over 10,000 of
2 community-based and justice system programs with more than 32,000 federal and state
3 statutes that define and protect the rights of crime victims and survivors; and

4 **WHEREAS**, on Guam, community-based organizations and government agencies
5 such as the Victim Witness *Ayuda* Services of the Office of the Attorney General; the Guam
6 Police Department Criminal Investigation Section and Victim Assistance Unit; the Guam
7 Fire Department; the Department of Corrections Parole Services; the Judiciary's Marshal
8 and Probation Divisions; Catholic Social Services ALEE Shelter; Victim Advocates
9 Reaching Out (VARO); Erica's House; Guam Legal Services Corporation; *Guma' Mami*, Inc.;
10 the Archdiocese of Agana; the Public Defender Service Corporation; the Department of
11 Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Healing Hearts Crisis Center; the Department of
12 Public Health and Social Services, Child and Adult Protective Services Divisions;
13 Sanctuary, Inc.; Sexual Assault Victim Intervention Advocates; the Andersen Family
14 Advocacy Program; the Navy Family Advocacy Committee; the Superior Court of Guam
15 Client Services and Family Counseling Division; the Department of Youth Affairs; the
16 Governor's Community Outreach Federal Programs Office; Mothers Against Drunk
17 Driving (MADD); the Office of the Public Guardian; Rainbows for All Children; and *Inafa'*
18 *Maolek* continue to provide services to crime victims and survivors; and

19 **WHEREAS**, despite impressive accomplishments over the past 29 years in crime
20 victims' rights and services, there remain many challenges to ensure that all crime victims

1 and survivors are treated with dignity and respect, and given the resources to recover and
2 be free from violence; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Guam joins the nation in recognizing the week of April 26th through
4 May 2nd, 2009 as “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week” with the theme: “25 Years of
5 Rebuilding Lives: Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act”; now, therefore, be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the
7 people of Guam, encourage our island to join the nation in honoring the significance of the
8 lives of victims and survivors of crime, and to strive to reach the goal of justice for all by
9 ensuring that all victims and survivors are afforded legal rights and provided with
10 assistance to face the financial, physical, spiritual, psychological, and social impact of
11 crime; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, further
13 commend the employees and volunteers of community-based organizations and
14 government agencies who provide critical support and assistance to every crime victim
15 every day, of every week, of every year; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to,
17 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Victim
18 Witness *Ayuda* Services of the Office of the Attorney General; to the Guam Police
19 Department Criminal Investigation Section and Victim Assistance Unit; to the Guam Fire
20 Department; to the Department of Corrections Parole Services; to the Judiciary’s Marshal

1 and Probation Divisions; to the Catholic Social Services ALEE Shelter; to Victim Advocates
2 Reaching Out (VARO); to Erica’s House; to the Guam Legal Services Corporation; to the
3 *Guma’ Mami*, Inc.; to the Archdiocese of Agana; to the Public Defender Service Corporation;
4 to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Healing Hearts Crisis Center; to
5 the Department of Public Health and Social Services, Child and Adult Protective Services
6 Divisions; to Sanctuary, Inc.; to the Sexual Assault Victim Intervention Advocates; to the
7 Andersen Family Advocacy Program; to the Navy Family Advocacy Committee; to the
8 Superior Court of Guam Client Services and Family Counseling Division; to the
9 Department of Youth Affairs; to the Governor’s Community Outreach Federal Programs
10 Office; to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD); to the Office of the Public Guardian; to
11 Rainbows for All Children; to *Inafa’ Maolek*; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
12 *Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA’TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN
GUÅHAN ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2009.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Senator and Legislative Secretary