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Relative to recognizing April 18 to 25, 2009, as "Earth Week," with the theme: "Hot Item! 671 Global Warming;" and observing April 22 as "World Earth Day;" and to commending the staff, management and Board of Directors of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency for their diligent and dedicated work in leading the efforts to safeguard our island's natural resources.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the state of our natural resources affects all areas of our economy, health, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, a protected environment is critical to the well being of our island community and to the success of future generations; and

WHEREAS, the commemoration of "Earth Week," celebrated this year from April 18 to 25, 2009, brings added attention to environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, the focus of this year's theme is *Hot Item! 671 Global Warming*, in solidarity with regional and worldwide campaigns, to raise awareness on climate change; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Earth Week 2009 is to raise awareness about the value and importance of our island environment, and to motivate people to take action to protect; and

WHEREAS, nationally, Earth Day is celebrated annually on April 22; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA) continues to display its sincere commitment and loyal dedication to the protection and conservation of our island's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, in coordination with many local partners, GEPA has sponsored, promoted and assisted in a number of activities to raise awareness and help protect our environment, including:

- Partnering with Guam Refinery Environmental Services Company (GRESKO) and Guahan Waste to coordinate the collection of used residential oil;
- Joining with the National Park Service and Underwater World to present the free Movies in the Park program at the War in the Pacific National Historical Park in Asan;
- Working with the Micronesian Divers Association (MDA), GEPA organized boat dive cleanups at the reefs of southern Guam;
- With Benson Guam Enterprises, Inc. and the Coral Reef Marine Center, GEPA supports and promotes environmental education and awareness projects;
- GEPA and Guam Tropical Dive Station organized a beach shore dive cleanup in Piti;
- Together with the *Guam Boonie Stompers*, GEPA organized cleanups at Hilaan, Lost Pond and Umatac Bay; and

WHEREAS, GEPA, with the cooperation of the Guam Public School System (GPSS) and Guam's private schools, is raising awareness of the threat of global warming by participating in environmental education events such as:

- a 3-D Artwork Contest, which encourages students to create artwork made primarily of reused, reusable, recycled or recyclable materials;

- an Earth Week Banner Contest, reflecting this year's Earth Week theme: "Hot Item! 671 Global Warming," and
- a Fashion Show which encourages participants to create attire utilizing entirely reused materials; and a battle of the bands with songs to promote climate change awareness and;

WHEREAS, this year's Earth Week commemoration, with the support of the Department of Parks and Recreation, will culminate with an Island Pride Festival, a family-oriented event to spread environmental awareness, sponsored by the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the week of April 18 to 25, 2009 as "Earth Week," celebrated with this year's theme: "Hot Item! 671 Global Warming," and observes April 22, 2009 as "World Earth Day"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the staff, management and Board of Directors of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency for their diligent and dedicated work as they lead the effort to protect our island's natural resources; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. George Lai, Chairman, Guam Environmental Protection Agency Board of Directors; Ms. Lorilee Crisostomo, Administrator, Guam Environmental Protection Agency; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'Lahen Guåhan*.