




I MINA 'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 113(COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the American Cancer Society Guam Field Office for promoting cancer awareness through the “Relay For Life” and commending the hardworking volunteers and corporate partners for coordinating, promoting and making this annual event a success.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society’s “Relay For Life” has become
4 one of the most successful charitable events nationwide, celebrating 25 years
5 of bringing hope to communities everywhere – and 25 years of saving lives;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, in May 1985, Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon, spent a
8 grueling twenty-four (24) hours running and walking over eighty-three (83)

1 miles at Baker Stadium in Tacoma, Washington, thereby raising the first
2 twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) for the fight against cancer; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in 2008, our Guam community continued the tradition of
4 the fight against cancer raising \$379,000 with 97 teams and celebrated the lives
5 of 212 cancer survivors and their caregivers who participated in Relay For Life
6 2008; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life" involves all
8 facets of the community throughout the nation, including businesses,
9 government agencies, individuals, and youth groups with one goal: to
10 remember those who have lost the battle to cancer and to celebrate the brave
11 men, women, and children who have survived cancer and continue to fight
12 for a cure; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society Guam Field Office is largely
14 made up of volunteers, and monies it raises are used for research, education,
15 advocacy, and services to patients; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Relay For Life fundraising has allowed for advancements in
17 research, including the mammogram and pap smear that exist today due to
18 the work of American Cancer Society funded research; and

19 **WHEREAS**, funds raised through Relay For Life allow the American
20 Cancer Society to continue their work to educate adults and children on the
21 prevention and early detection of cancer and allow for cancer information to
22 be accessible 24 hours a day at www.cancer.org and 1-800-ACS-2345; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society works to strengthen cancer-
2 related laws and regulations that benefit the entire community such as the
3 Natasha Protection Act, which bans smoking in public places; and

4 **WHEREAS**, funds raised through Relay For Life allow the Guam Field
5 Office to provide ongoing support programs and services, including, but not
6 limited to, transportation and lodging assistance, medical supplies, nutritional
7 supplement drinks, wigs and hats, to patients diagnosed with cancer in
8 Guam; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the success of the American Cancer Society’s “Relay For
10 Life” is due to the Relay For Life Team Captains, teams, the hundreds of
11 community volunteers and numerous corporate sponsors and benefactors
12 whose generous contributions help to lead our community toward a future
13 where cancer may one day not be a threat to the lives of our friends and
14 family; now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’ Trenta Na*
16 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
17 people of Guam, recognize and extend a heartfelt *Si Yu’os Ma’ase’* to the
18 American Cancer Society Guam Field Office for promoting the awareness of
19 cancer through “Relay For Life” and for its dedication to finding a cure,
20 honoring and celebrating cancer survivors, and remembering those who have
21 lost their lives; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
2 Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
3 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Christina
4 Noket, Community Manager-Development of the American Cancer Society
5 Guam Field Office; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'láhen*
6 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ____ DAY
OF _____ 2009.**

Judith Won-Pat, Ed,D.
Speaker

Tina Rose Muña-Barnes
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature

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Chairman, Committee On Rules