

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to designating August 21st, 2009, as GAIN Day in Guam, and to recognizing and memorializing the 20-year legacy of Guam Animals in Need for their two decades of care and concern for otherwise friendless and homeless dogs and cats, and to extend humble and sincere thanks to the countless volunteers and friends of the animals, who have supported and nurtured this most worthy enterprise over the years.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I

2 MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

3 WHEREAS, twenty years ago, thousands of abandoned and
4 neglected animals, ultimately the responsibility of the Government of
5 Guam, were in desperate straits, often starving and dying, the plight of
6 these suffering animals generally far from the thoughts and awareness of
7 many of 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 20 years,
10 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
13 outcome: some 30,000 abandoned pets and animals have been rescued and
14 over 5,000 have been adopted into new homes, affordable sterilization
15 clinics have dramatically lowered the birth of unwanted animals, and
16 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
21 that the Governor is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation
22 designating August 21st, 2009, as GAIN DAY, and calling upon the people
23 of Guam to observe this day by pledging to take an active role in reducing
24 the number of homeless animals on Guam, now therefore, be it

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
26 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
27 people of Guam, recognize and memorialize the 20 years of service by
28 Guam Animals in Need to both the people of Guam and to all of its
29 animals, and extend its congratulations to all of the organizers and
30 volunteers who have made GAIN and its valued services what they are
31 today, and to request that the Governor issue a proclamation designating
32 August 21st, 2009, as GAIN DAY, and calling upon the people of Guam to
33 observe this day by pledging to take an active role in reducing the number
34 of homeless animals on Guam; and be it further

35 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
36 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
37 transmitted to Ms Cindy Bartels, president, Guam Animals In Need
38 (GAIN); and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'láhen Guåhan*.

39 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON**
40 **RULES OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE __**
41 **DAY OF AUGUST 2009.**