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MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING SATURDAY,
NOVERMBER 15, 2009 AS NATIONAL ADOPTION
DAY IN GUAM , AND URGING EVERYONE IN
GUAM TO JOIN IN A NATIONAL EFFORT TO RAISE
AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF
ADOPTION.

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

3 WHEREAS, the people of Guam recognize the importance of providing
4 permanent, safe and loving families for all children, including finding safe
5 and loving families through adoption; and
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7 WHEREAS, nearly _____ children are currently in our country's
8 foster care system waiting to be adopted, including _____ children in the
9 foster care system of Guam; and
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11 WHEREAS, in Guam there are _____ licenses family foster homes
12 and three group homes, and there are four foster children in off-island
13 placements or in residential treatment; and
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1 **WHEREAS**, children in the foster care system need the nurturing stability
2 that placement with a loving family in a permanent adoptive home can
3 bring; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, these children, who range in age from one to 17 years of age,
6 are anxiously awaiting acceptance and to become the newest member of a
7 loving family; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, children in foster care in Guam are provided with some form
10 of Permanency Placement through Adoption, Guardianship or Long Term
11 Foster Care; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, nearly _____ adoption cases are filed and completed in the
14 Superior Court of Guam annually, providing homes for many needful
15 children; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, other children in the foster care system are actively going
18 through the system for eventual direction in their cases which, for some,
19 could also include reunification with their families; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, in Guam, most of our children end up in Permanency
22 Placements with relatives, to remain in Long Term Foster Care status, with
23 their biological parents usually remaining in close and supervised contact
24 at the discretion of caregivers; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, to help these children find permanent , nurturing families, the
27 courts of Guam will open their doors on National Adoption Day, Saturday,
28 November 15, to finalize the adoptions of local children and join other
29 organizations to celebrate all adoptions; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, this effort in Guam, along with similar celebrations in all 50
32 states, the District of Columbia and United States insular areas, will offer
33 children the chance to live with stable and loving families and encourage

1 other dedicated individuals to make a powerful difference in the lives of
2 children through adoption ; now therefore be it

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4 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan* , on behalf of the
5 people of Guam, does hereby recognize Saturday, November 15, 2009 as
6 NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY in Guam; and be it further

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8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify , and the Secretary of the Legislature
9 attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter
10 transmitted to the Honorable Robert J. Torres, Chief Justice , Supreme
11 Court of Guam; to Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III, Superior Court
12 of Guam and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA 'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF NOVEMBER _____ 2009.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D
Speaker

TINA MUNA- BARNES
Secretary of the Legislature