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Resolution No. 451 -30 (cov)

Introduced by:

FRANK B. AGUON, JR.

Relative to recognizing the month of October 2005 as “Family Violence Awareness Month” and to commend practitioners and advocates who help raise awareness and support victims of family violence and to recognize the significant contributions these individuals and organizations have made, and continue to make, to reduce the crime of family violence.

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

3 WHEREAS, family violence is a physical, sexual, emotional or verbal
4 violence directed against a person who is the abuser’s intimate partner or
5 relative; and

6 WHEREAS, family violence affects people regardless of age, sexual
7 orientation, physical ability, marital status, ethnicity, culture, education,
8 religion, or economic status; and

9 WHEREAS, children in homes where abuse among adults occurs, are
10 often neglected at a rate higher than the national average in the general
11 public; and

1 **WHEREAS**, studies show that children from violent homes have
2 higher risks of alcohol or drug abuse and juvenile delinquency; are six (6)
3 times more likely to commit suicide; twenty four (24) times more likely to
4 commit sexual assault crimes and fifty (50) times more likely to abuse
5 drugs or alcohol; and

6 **WHEREAS**, children from abusive homes carry terrible experiences
7 of violence with them into adulthood and to the next generation; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Guam Police Department statistics show family
9 violence-related offenses included two hundred four (204) cases of
10 misdemeanor and felony family violence combined, five (5) cases of
11 misdemeanor sexual assault, fifty tow (52) felony sexual assault with arrest
12 of abuse and neglect – offenses against family and children, and 2 deaths as
13 a result of family violence; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Courts and Ministerial Division of the Superior
15 Court of Guam reported four hundred seven (407) combined cases of
16 felony and misdemeanor family violence; eighty seven (87) combined cases
17 of felony and misdemeanor criminal sexual conduct, and ninety three (93)
18 protection orders filings; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Probations Services Division reported six hundred
20 ninety nine (699) new family violence, sexual assault and child abuse cases
21 with nine hundred ninety seven (997) defendants under supervision by the
22 end of 2009; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Alee Shelter, Erica’s House, Public Defender Service
2 Corporation and the Attorney General’s Office has provided one thousand
3 seven hundred thirty five (1,735) victims with direct services, and one
4 hundred sixty five (165) referrals to service providers; and

5 **WHEREAS**, family violence is often ignored and tolerated by our
6 society, and many victims feel isolated, ashamed, and even responsible for
7 the abuse, often blaming themselves; and

8 **WHEREAS**, many men and women are reluctant to admit to the
9 incidence of violence and are reluctant to seek help beyond their families,
10 and that experts believe that actual prevalence of family violence is much
11 higher than statistics indicate; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force,
13 STOP VAW subgrantees, government and non-government organizations,
14 faith-based organizations, and other community partners have joined
15 forces to directly confront this crisis, including: Alee Shelter – Catholic
16 Social Services; Andersen Family Support Services – Fleet & Family
17 Support Services; Archdiocese of Agana; Attorney General of Guam –
18 Department of Law, Crime Victim Response Unit; Department of
19 Corrections – Parole Division/Training; Department of Education;
20 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse - Healing Hearts Crisis
21 Center (HHCC); Department of Public Health and Social Services;
22 Department of Youth Affairs; Erica’s House – Visitation Center; Governor’s
23 Community Outreach – Federal Programs Office; Governor’s Legal

1 Counsel; Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority; Guam Judiciary;
2 Guam Legislature; Guam Police Department – Victim Assistance Unit;
3 *Guma’Mami, Inc.; Inafa’Maolek; Mayors’ Council of Guam; Media; Mothers*
4 *Against Drunk Driving (MADD); Public Defender Service Corporation;*
5 *Superior Court of Guam – Client Services and Family Counseling Division;*
6 *Judicial Council; Superior Court of Guam – Probation and Marshals*
7 *Divisions; Sanctuary, Inc.; University of Guam; and the Victim Advocates*
8 *Reaching Out (VARO); and*

9 **WHEREAS,** the effort, compassion, and dedication of these
10 volunteers, professionals, and organizations should be recognized and
11 applauded; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED,** that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’ Trenta Na*
13 *LiheSlaturan Guåhan* does hereby on behalf of the people of Guam,
14 recognize the month of October 2010 as “Family Violence Awareness
15 Month”, and does commend the practitioners and advocates who help
16 raise awareness and support victims of family violence, as well as the
17 significant contributions these individuals and organizations have made,
18 and continue to make, to reduce the crime of family violence; and be it
19 further

20 **RESOLVED,** that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee
21 on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof,
22 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the members of the

- 1 “Family Violence Awareness Month” Task Force; and to the Honorable
- 2 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA’TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2010.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature




SENATOR FRANK B. AGUON, JR.
Chairman, Committee on Economic Development,
Health & Human Services, and Judiciary
I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
(Thirtieth Guam Legislature)



September 22, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL SENATORS

FROM: SENATOR FRANK B. AGUON, JR. 

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PRESENTATION
RESOLUTION NO. 451 -30 (COV)

Please join me in presenting Resolution No. 451 -30 (COV) - "Relative to recognizing the month of October 2005 as "Family Violence Awareness Month" and to commend practitioners and advocates who help raise awareness and support victims of family violence and to recognize the significant contributions these individuals and organizations have made, and continue to make, to reduce the crime of family violence.

The presentation is scheduled as follow:

DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2010

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM ATRIUM

I look forward to your attendance and participation. Please feel free to call my office.

Un dangkulo' na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'.

Cc: Clerk of the Legislature
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