

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 60-32 (cor)

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Guam Chapter on the occasion of their 32nd Anniversary and recognize the month of March as “Professional Social Work Month” and extend a warm and sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu’us Ma’ase* for the invaluable service of our social workers in assisting the needs of our vulnerable population in our island community.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF**

2 ***I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS**, social workers are advocates for the most vulnerable
4 individuals of the community. They work under various agencies and
5 organizations, from the government to non-profit organizations who work with
6 individuals, families, and community groups, as agents in assisting in their needs;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, the social work profession is significant to individuals’ success
9 in the community as its mission is to enhance human well being and help the basic
10 human needs of all people with particular attention to the needs and empowerment
11 of the vulnerable, oppressed, and those living in poverty; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) was
2 established in 1955 through the consolidation of seven (7) organizations, including
3 American Association of Social Workers (AASW), American Association of
4 Psychiatric Social Workers (AAPSW), American Association of Group Workers
5 (AAGW), Association for the Study of Community Organizations (ASCO),
6 American Association of Medical Social Workers (AAMSW), National
7 Association of School Social Workers (NASSW) and the Social Work Research
8 Group (SWRG); and

9 **WHEREAS**, NASW is the largest membership organization of professional
10 social workers in the world, with 145,000 members, whose primary functions
11 include promoting the professional development of its members, establishing and
12 maintaining professional standards of practice, advancing sound social policies and
13 providing services that protect its members and enhance their professional status.
14 In addition, the social work profession is guided with six (6) core values and
15 principles, namely: Service, Social Justice, Dignity and Worth of the Person,
16 Importance of Human Relationships, Integrity and Competence, which are also
17 approved by NASW to uphold the high standards of the profession; and

18 **WHEREAS**, on Guam, the National Association of Social Workers, Guam
19 Chapter was established in 1999 through the efforts of Dr. Lisa Linda Natividad,
20 Dr. Lilli Perez and Mr. J. Peter Roberto, who developed the proposal to the NASW
21 Delegate Assembly for the creation of the Guam Chapter; and

22 **WHEREAS**, since 1999, the NASW Guam Chapter has significantly
23 contributed to the island's population who are in need of assistance. Some of their
24 work includes providing support for advocacy to the National Family Caregiver
25 Support Program and to Children' mental health needs through *I Famaguon'ta* and
26 the Youth Enhancement Support (YES) programs. In addition, the Association
27 continues to be an active participant in public policies as shown through their

1 support of Bill 185-30, which promoted domestic partnership for same sex couples.
2 Recently, NASW Guam Chapter worked hard in drafting the Social Work Practice
3 Act which later became Public Law 31-285. The Social Work Practice Act created
4 a licensure statute that will enhance the social work mission on Guam and ensure
5 that all individuals carrying the title of the profession are held to the same
6 standards as the rest of the nation; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the island community continues to be grateful for the services
8 and hard work of all social workers in continuing to improve the functioning and
9 social conditions of the vulnerable in Guam. The support, care, and assistance
10 provided by the social work profession continuous to be valuable in our
11 community which strengthens the cultural value of hospitality in our island; and

12 **WHEREAS**, NASW Guam Chapter continuous to uphold the mission of the
13 social work profession and ensure that the vulnerable population is given the
14 proper and adequate assistance they need; and now, be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, commends
16 and congratulates the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Guam
17 Chapter on the occasion of their 32nd Anniversary and recognize the month of
18 March as “Professional Social Work Month” and extend a warm *Un Dangkolo Na*
19 *Si Yu’os Ma’ase’* for the invaluable service of the social workers in providing the
20 needs of the vulnerable population in our island community; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
22 Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof,
23 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ovita R. Perez, MSW,
24 President; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 15th
DAY OF MARCH, 2013.**

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Speaker

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Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary