

**I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2013 (FIRST) Regular Session**

Resolution No. 61-32 (cop)

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (DMHSA) Healing Hearts Program Center for being named the 2013 National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Guam Chapter "Exemplary Service Provided" and extending a warm and sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase* for her hard work and dedication in assisting the needs of the most vulnerable population in our island community.

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

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the primary mission of the Healing Hearts Crisis Center under  
4 the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (DMHSA) is to  
5 incorporate holistic approach for individuals who may have experienced a sexual  
6 assault. Regardless of when the assault occurred or the age, race or sex of the  
7 victim, Healing Hearts offers a supportive, healing atmosphere with caring people  
8 to assist them in regaining feelings of safety, control, trust, autonomy and self-  
9 esteem; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 2012, a total of 156 clients were served by Healing Hearts  
11 Crisis Center including 56 medical evaluations, 8 multidisciplinary team

1 interviews and collected 30 Guam Police Department Sexual Assault kits. Under  
2 the helm of a new Program Manager, Healing Hearts has proved to be a powerful  
3 entity for client advocacy by collaborating and establishing numerous community  
4 partnerships; and

5 **WHEREAS**, a Memorandum of Understanding between Healing Hearts and  
6 the Guam Sexual Assault and Abuse Resource Center Association (SAARCA) was  
7 signed by the Governor of Guam to promote cooperation in the fulfillment of the  
8 mutual interest and objectives between the two organizations and implement  
9 programs and services, diversify funding and decrease sexual violence. Healing  
10 Hearts Crisis Center is an active participant in the Task Force on the Prevention of  
11 Sexual Abuse of Children within the Child Protective Act and worked to educate  
12 more than 2,800 students, teachers, librarians, school aides, school nurses and  
13 counselors with their Red Flag/Green Flag presentations at nine (9) local  
14 elementary schools across the island; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the program staff and management continue their efforts to  
16 help assist and heal persons who have been victims of sexual assault, with ongoing  
17 continued education and training at both the local and national levels. Healing  
18 Hearts Nurse Examiner achieved certification as a Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse  
19 Examiner and was also the recipient of the National Sexual Violence Resource  
20 Center's 2012 Visionary Voice Award and the National Recognition Citation for  
21 MagPro; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the unyielding staff has had to overcome numerous obstacles  
23 throughout the past year. While Healing Hearts works diligently to tap into all  
24 available resources, utilizing family or friends as translators has had to be a  
25 realization for some victims in order to ensure expeditious care for those in need.  
26 Healing Hearts is committed to assist its clients by participating in continued  
27 dialogue with other local agencies to increase the number of persons qualified to be

1 utilized for translation services. In addition, Healing Hearts serves the role of crisis  
2 intervention, forensic interviewing, providing medical services and also having to  
3 provide advocacy for their clients; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Healing Hearts staff works diligently and corroboratively with  
5 the Guam Police Department (GPD) and Child Protective Service (CPS) to ensure  
6 the appropriateness of provision of service cannot be called into question. The  
7 Healing Hearts Crisis Center provides a safe and caring environment in which  
8 survivors can begin the healing and recovery process; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the center continues to seek and develop novel ideas to better  
10 assist victims and develop resources to increase public awareness while developing  
11 new strategies to identify and fill gaps in services; and now, be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, commends  
13 and congratulates the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
14 (DMHSA) Healing Hearts Program Center for being named the 2013 National  
15 Association of Social Workers (NASW), Guam Chapter “Exemplary Service  
16 Provided” and extend a warm *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’ase’* for their hard  
17 work and dedication in assisting the needs of the most vulnerable population in our  
18 island community; and be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on  
20 Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof,  
21 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to DMHSA Healing Hearts  
22 Program Center; National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Guam Chapter;  
23 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 GUÅHAN ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF MARCH, 2013.**

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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D**  
**Speaker**

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**RORY RESPICIO**  
**Chairman, Committee on Rules**

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
**Legislative Secretary**