

***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
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**Resolution No. 102-31 (LS)**

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**Relative to commending the Guam Child Care and Development Association (GCCDA), and all the professional child care providers on Guam for their outstanding contributions to our children; and to further congratulating them on the celebration of “Child Care Provider Appreciation Day” on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2        ***GUÅHAN*:**

3        **WHEREAS**, Guam’s most valuable resources are its children who will one day  
4        be the island’s parents, workers, professionals and leaders; and

5        **WHEREAS**, national studies have demonstrated that quality child care and  
6        education contributes to reduced drop-out rates, fewer behavioral and discipline issues

1 and improved academic performance. These effects lead to a safer, more productive  
2 and more prosperous community; and

3 **WHEREAS**, quality child care promotes the well-being of children and  
4 responds to the needs of parents and the broader community by supporting an  
5 improved quality of life, so that people may fully participate in and contribute to the  
6 economic, social and political life of the island community; and

7 **WHEREAS**, since its establishment in 1992, the Guam Child Care and  
8 Development Association (GCCDA) has championed the improvement of the lives of  
9 children and families on Guam through its focus on child development and the  
10 acknowledgement of parents, teachers, stakeholders and care providers, who ensure  
11 the wholesome growth and development of Guam's children; and

12 **WHEREAS**, "Child Care Provider Appreciation Day" helps to educate the  
13 public, and parents in particular, about the competent professionals who work each  
14 day to provide healthy, enriched programs in a safe and supportive physical and  
15 emotional environment for children, who will become the productive citizens of  
16 tomorrow; and

17 **WHEREAS**, "Child Care Provider Appreciation Day" also celebrates the  
18 commitment of professional child care providers, individuals who have dedicated  
19 themselves to teach and care for young children as their primary profession; and

20 **WHEREAS**, quality programs for young children are needed on Guam, and the  
21 demand for quality child care intensifies as parents realize the value of good day care  
22 programs, where children can flourish in an environment with interested, responsive  
23 adults who are able to teach, understand and care for them; and


24 **WHEREAS**, providing quality child care for young children is only one of the  
25 ways that child care providers enhance the well-being of families. Parents who know  
26 that their children are well cared for can feel more confident and will have greater

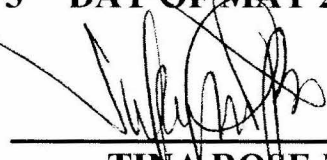
1 peace of mind while they work. Furthermore, child care providers support parents  
2 directly by offering a rich background of experience and practical knowledge on  
3 handling everyday issues in their children's physical and emotional development. For  
4 these reasons and others, we rightly celebrate these dedicated and often unsung heroes  
5 on "Child Care Provider Appreciation Day"; now, therefore, be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
7 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the Guam Care and Development  
8 Association (GCCDA), and all the professional child care providers on Guam for their  
9 outstanding contributions to our children; and does further congratulate them on the  
10 celebration of "Child Care Provider Appreciation Day" on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011; and be it  
11 further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,  
13 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the  
14 Officers of the Guam Child Care and Development Association: Delilah Charfauros,  
15 President; Ross White, Vice President; Corazon San Nicolas, Secretary; Joaquin  
16 Rivera, Treasurer; and Maria Blas, Auditor; to Dr. Marilyn Jackson, Founder, Charter  
17 President and Advisor of the Guam Child Care and Development Association; to the  
18 Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate to the United States House of  
19 Representatives; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF MAY 2011.**

  
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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  
Speaker

  
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