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Relative to recognizing and commending Big Brothers Big Sisters Guam for their invaluable contributions to the youth of Guam on the occasion of Mentoring Awareness Month during February 2012, and on the celebration of their many accomplishments at their Annual Appreciation Reception.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS**, February is Mentoring Awareness Month; and during Mentoring
4 Awareness Month, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam will host various events that will
5 promote the positive impacts of mentorship, encourage more individuals to shape the

1 lives of youth by volunteering to mentor, and challenge more businesses to invest in
2 improving our communities by supporting local mentorship programs; and

3 **WHEREAS**, these events will also help celebrate the dozens of mentors who
4 give their time to serve as role models, and applaud our community and business
5 partners who support youth mentorship; and

6 **WHEREAS**, with the guidance of caring mentors who offer friendship and
7 guidance, children become more confident, make healthier and smarter choices, and
8 broaden their perspectives; and

9 **WHEREAS**, mentored children are more likely to avoid high-risk behaviors
10 that include drug and alcohol use, and have better relationships with their peers and
11 families; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in 2011, Big Brothers Big Sisters Guam served one hundred
13 thirty-five (135) children, and they helped at-risk children beat the odds; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Big Brothers Big Sisters Guam would like to expand mentorship
15 opportunities to more youth on Guam in 2012; and

16 **WHEREAS**, half of their current volunteers mentor in the community program
17 on weekends, and the other half mentor children at the nine (9) participating school
18 sites, which include; Upi Elementary School, F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School,
19 Benavente Middle School, *Tamuning* Elementary School, Price Elementary School,
20 Agueda Johnston Middle School, Carbullido Elementary School, and Jose Rios
21 Middle School; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Big Brothers Big Sisters Guam partners with schools, faith-based
23 institutions, businesses, government agencies, and other non-profit organizations to
24 carry out its mission of serving youth; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the volunteers of Big Brothers Big Sisters Guam come from all
26 walks of life, and range from high-school students to active seniors; and

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 18TH DAY OF JANUARY 2012.



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