I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2011(FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. <u>lolo-31(Cor</u>)

Introduced by:

Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2011 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH, THEMED **"STRENGTHENING** FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES". AND TO HONOR AND EXTEND A UN DÅNGKOLO' NA SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE' TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY **GENERAL** OF GUAM. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE HEALING HEARTS AND OTHER **GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS** WHO CARE FOR AND SERVE GUAM'S CHILDREN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I* MINA'TRENTAI UNU LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

1 WHEREAS, the people of Guam recognize that child abuse is a problem that affects the entire island; and 2

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WHEREAS, the people of Guam are committed to eradicating the problem of child abuse from the community and protecting the children of 4 Guam; and 5

WHEREAS, the month of April is nationally recognized as Child 6 7 Abuse Prevention Month and the national theme for this year's Child Abuse Prevention Month is "Strengthening Families and Communities"; and 8

9 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health and Social Services, 10 the Office of the Attorney General of Guam and the Department of Mental 11 health and Substance Abuse Healing Hearts have joined the national 12 movement to devote the month of April, 2011 to celebrating and working 13 hard to transform the community into a place that actively supports families 14 and children of the island of Guam, as April is Child Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health and Social Services, the Office of the Attorney General of Guam and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Healing Hearts understand the importance of and appreciate the benefits of partnering with parents and caregivers to stop child abuse; and

WHEREAS, the partnership these government organizations, parents and caregivers, and the various community service providers share is a valuable prevention tool that can reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health and Social Services, the Office of the Attorney General of Guam and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Healing Hearts focuses on preventative measures and opportunities for education to support parents and create healthier communities for children this month and throughout the year; and now therefore, be it

30 **RESOLVED,** *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does 31 hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, honor and thank the employees of 32 the Department of Public Health and Social Services, the Office of the 33 Attorney General of Guam and the Department of Mental Health and 34 Substance Abuse Healing Hearts for the services they provide throughout 35 the year for Guam's children; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the Chairman of the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Department of Public Health and Social Services, the Office of the Attorney General of Guam and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Healing Hearts; 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 UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE _____ DAY OF APRIL, 2011

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D Speaker **RORY RESPICIO** Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Legislative Secretary