

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 127

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Relative to congratulating the Guam Association of School Counselors, the local Chapter of the American School Counseling Association, on the occasion of its joint effort with the national organization its counterparts across the nation, to celebrate School Guidance Counselors Week.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**
2 ***MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

1 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, Governor of Guam, has
2 signed Proclamation No. 2005-012, proclaiming the second week in February
3 each year as “Guam School Counseling Week”; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in observance of Guam School Counseling Week, the key
5 activity is the annual Guidance Counseling Conference to be held from
6 February 06 – 11, 2006, when the Guam Association of School Counselors
7 (“GASC”) provides logistical support to the conference in cooperation with
8 the Guam Public School System (“GPSS”) Curriculum and Instruction, and
9 the University of Guam’s Professional Development and Lifelong Learning
10 Center, to provide Professional Development Services to the GPSS guidance
11 counselors; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the GASC, as a local chapter of the American School
13 Counselors Association (“ASCA”), was established to ensure that excellence is
14 provided in the island’s school counseling program; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the GASC endeavors to provide professional development
16 opportunities, research and to foster a spirit of collaboration, accountability
17 and excellence in the profession; and

1 **WHEREAS**, GASC’s affiliation with ASCA enables the chapter to seek
2 support and representation at the national level via government relations
3 programs and activities consistent with a continual effort to improve the
4 quality of our island’s school guidance counseling practices; and

5 **WHEREAS**, school guidance counselors have many duties and
6 responsibilities related to designing and implementing a comprehensive
7 school counseling program; and

8 **WHEREAS**, school guidance counselors are essential partners in school
9 performance and are of great benefit to students, teachers, parents and the
10 island community; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the GASC joins the ASCA in celebrating with its national
12 counterparts the role of guidance counselors in schools, represented in this
13 conference by Dr. Judy Bowers, Ed.D., a national and international consultant
14 to school districts and state departments in developing school counseling
15 programs across the nation, Director of School Counseling Programs from the
16 Tucson Unified School District; current president of the ASCA, co-author of
17 the ASCA National Model as a framework for school counseling programs
18 and companion; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Diana Johnston, a co-trainer, born and raised on Guam,
2 taught at Guam schools before she became an elementary school counselor at
3 Ford Elementary School for the Tucson Unified School District in Arizona,
4 and is nationally recognized for her Comprehensive Competency-Based
5 Guidance program incorporating “Bully Proofing Your School Program”; and
6 the RAMP (Recognized ASCA Model Program) awardee for 2005, a national
7 award given annually to outstanding contributions of guidance counselors in
8 schools; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the GASC officers and board members have attempted to
10 integrate the ASCA national model of school counseling into a GPSS District
11 Plan and to start a Comprehensive Competency-Based Guidance program in
12 every GPSS school based on national standards;

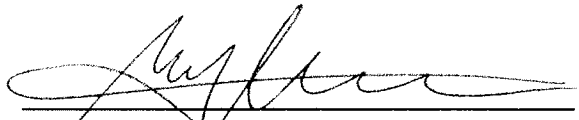
13 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Association of School Counselors officers
14 include: Josephine Caluag, Ph.D., President; John Van Ausdall, Executive Vice
15 President; Estela Lear, Secretary; Leonila Bernardo, Treasurer; Ruth
16 Kruckenberg, Assistant Treasurer; Board Members, Maude Van Ausdall, Ruth
17 Kruckenberg, Doreen Pereda, Robert Foley, Jovy Young, Elisabeth Rosario-
18 Ichihara; and the standing committees of GASC include Membership Chair,
19 Leah Duenas; By-Laws Chair, John Van Ausdall; Publication and Research
20 Chair, Wenonah Abrenica-Mendoza; Fellowship Chair, Merlinda Cruz; Ways

1 and Means Chair, Jovy Young; Professional Program Development Chairs,
2 Robert Foley and Michelle Blend; Awards Chair, Elisabeth Rosario-Ichihara;
3 and Mentoring Chair, Robert Foley; now, therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
6 people of Guam, congratulates the Guam Public School System on its vision
7 and leadership and further commends the collaborative system to help
8 students acquire skills in the personal, social, educational, and career domains
9 necessary for living in a multi-cultural society, the sponsoring units, GPSS
10 Division of Curriculum and Instruction, the University of Guam's
11 Professional Development and Lifelong Learning Center, and the GASC
12 officers and standing committee members, and the men and women who have
13 made school guidance counseling their profession; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
15 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
16 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Josephine
17 Caluag, Ph.D., President GASC; to Mr. Juan P. Flores, Superintendent of the
18 Guam Public School System; to each member school of GASC; to Judy Bowers,
19 Ed.D., President of the American School Counseling Association; to Guam
20 Public School System Division of Curriculum and Instruction; to the
21 University of Guam Professional Development and Lifelong Learning Center;
22 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 8TH
DAY OF FEBRUARY 2005.



MARK FORBES

Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



EDWARD J.B. CALVO

Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature