

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2006 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Executive Committee  
Resolution No. 171**

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Relative to commending and congratulating *Guma' Mami* for its twenty-five (25) years of providing service, advocacy and support to adults in our community with intellectual disabilities, mental illness and other developmental disabilities; and paying tribute to the dedicated employees and volunteers of *Guma' Mami*.

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

3           **WHEREAS,** the week of May 21 to May 28, 2006 is the Twenty-fifth  
4 (25th) Annual Celebration of *Guma' Mami* and this year's theme is "*Guma'*  
5 *Mami, Inc., Twenty-five (25) Years of Celebrating Abilities*"; and

1           **WHEREAS**, *Guma' Mami* is a well-known non-profit local organization  
2 whose mission is to support, enhance and improve the quality of life of  
3 persons with disabilities; and

4           **WHEREAS**, through the talents of the excellent, passionate and  
5 dedicated staff and management, *Guma' Mami* is able to involve the private  
6 business sector, obtain local and federal resources, and create consumer and  
7 family involvement to enhance the lives of the individuals it cares for; and

8           **WHEREAS**, due to the support and active participation of its volunteer  
9 general membership, including its Board of Directors under the guidance and  
10 leadership of its President, Mrs. Connie B. Duenas, *Guma' Mami* has proven to  
11 be very successful; and

12           **WHEREAS**, in conjunction with other agencies, *Guma' Mami*  
13 participated in many programs, training sessions and conferences throughout  
14 2005 and 2006 that facilitated the movement and evolution of human services;  
15 and

16           **WHEREAS**, *Guma' Mami* continues to advocate for system changes and  
17 provide *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* meaningful advice on policies relevant to the  
18 lives of persons with disabilities; and

19           **WHEREAS**, *Guma' Mami* is an active participant in many distinguished  
20 councils, including the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDCC),  
21 the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities  
22 (DISID), the Creative Funding Task Force, Guam Center for Excellence in  
23 Developmental Disabilities, Education, Research & Service (Guam  
24 CEDDERS), the Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT) Advisory

1 Council, the Guam Mental Health Planning Council and the Public Guardian  
2 Review Board; and

3 **WHEREAS**, through its federal grant project, "*STOP Violence Against*  
4 *Women with Disabilities*," *Guma' Mami* provides prevention, awareness, legal  
5 services, and domestic violence training for law enforcement agencies to more  
6 effectively assist victims of domestic violence; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in past years, *Guma' Mami* has provided essential case  
8 management services, support groups, peer counseling services and  
9 educational workshops to women with disabilities and seniors who are  
10 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, and educational  
11 classes for adults with disabilities; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in March 2006, *Guma' Mami*, in collaboration with the  
13 Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC) and the Guam Council on  
14 the Arts and Humanities Agency (CAHA), presented an art exhibit, entitled:  
15 "On Exhibit 2006: Art Without Walls," of works by individuals with  
16 disabilities, together with the works of established local artists, showing the  
17 potential of persons with disabilities to excel in the arts; and

18 **WHEREAS**, *Guma' Mami* has mounted various creative fundraising  
19 initiatives to provide financial support to consumers with disabilities; now,  
20 therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*  
22 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
23 people of Guam, commend and congratulate *Guma' Mami* on its twenty-five  
24 (25) years of providing service, advocacy and support to adults in our

1 community with intellectual disabilities, mental illness and other  
2 developmental disabilities; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na*  
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
5 people of Guam, express its support to the dedicated, passionate and  
6 hardworking employees of *Guma' Mami*, and does further pay tribute to them  
7 during the Twenty-Fifth (25th) Anniversary of *Guma' Mami*; and be it further

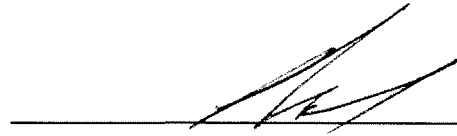
8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
9 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
10 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Monica F.  
11 Limtiaco, Executive Director of *Guma' Mami, Inc.*; to Mrs. Connie B. Duenas,  
12 President, *Guma' Mami* Board of Directors; to Ms. Rosanne Ada, Director,  
13 Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities; to Mr. J.  
14 Peter Roberto, Director, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse;  
15 to Mr. Ronald De Guzman, Executive Director, Guam Housing and Urban  
16 Renewal Authority; to Mr. Joseph T. Flores, Executive Director, Guam  
17 Developmental Disabilities Council; to Ms. Sylvia Flores, Director of the  
18 Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency; to Mrs. Cecilia Morrison,  
19 Grants Administrator of the Governor's Community Outreach Federal  
20 Programs Office; 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 10TH  
DAY OF MAY 2006.**



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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker and  
Chairman, Executive Committee



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**EDWARD J.B. CALVO**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature