

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

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 205

Introduced by:

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Relative to observing November 4, 2006 as “Down Syndrome Awareness Day” with programs and activities coordinated by the Down Syndrome Association of Guam and commending them on their efforts to raise awareness and support.

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

3 WHEREAS, Down Syndrome is the most common congenital condition
4 and affects one (1) in every seven hundred (700) to one thousand (1,000)
5 children born each year; and

6 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human
7 Services reports that, as recently as the past thirty (30) years, people with

1 Down Syndrome were stigmatized--or all too frequently--institutionalized,
2 but are now benefiting from important advances in research, education and
3 health care; and

4 **WHEREAS**, children with Down Syndrome who receive parental love,
5 nurturing and support and are helped by early intervention programs are able
6 to achieve their potential and function in society with a greater degree of
7 independence; and

8 **WHEREAS**, due to the vision and hard work of researchers, service
9 providers, physicians, teachers, parent support groups, and members of
10 private and voluntary organizations, more people are now aware of the
11 challenges of Down Syndrome; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Down Syndrome Association of Guam is working to
13 improve the educational and vocational opportunities for individuals with
14 Down Syndrome on the island of Guam; now, therefore, be it

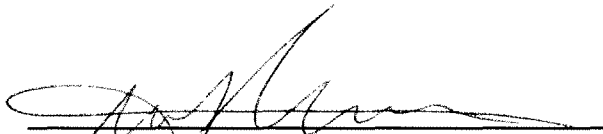
15 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
16 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the
17 people of Guam, recognize November 4, 2006 as "Down Syndrome
18 Awareness Day" and urges the island to promote greater understanding of
19 Down Syndrome; and be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
21 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the
22 people of Guam, commend practitioners who raise awareness and support
23 persons with Down Syndrome and their families, and recognizes the
24 significant contributions these individuals and organizations have made, and

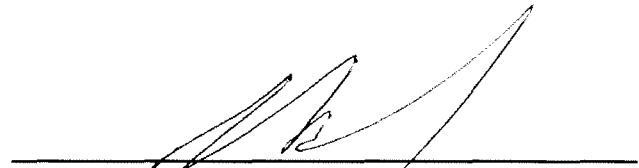
1 continue to make, to help persons with Down Syndrome lead active and
2 productive lives; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
4 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
5 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Down
6 Syndrome Association of Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
7 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 4TH
DAY OF NOVEMBER 2006.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



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