

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 50

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating *Guma'Mami* on its twenty-four (24) years of service, advocacy and support for adults with intellectual disabilities, mental illness and other developmental disabilities in our community 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:

1 **WHEREAS**, it is acknowledged by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* that the week
2 of May 22nd through May 28th is the annual celebration of *Guma'Mami* Week
3 and this year's theme is "*Guma'Mami + Community = Success*"; and

4 **WHEREAS**, *Guma'Mami* is a well-known and recognized non-profit
5 organization within our local community that is dedicated to services and
6 support to persons with disabilities and whose mission is to support, enhance,
7 and improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities;

8 **WHEREAS**, through the talents of the excellent, passionate and
9 dedicated staff and management, *Guma'Mami* is able to access the private
10 business sector, local and federal resources, and consumer and family
11 involvement to enhance the lives of the individuals they care for; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the support and active participation of its volunteer general
13 membership, including its Board of Directors under the guidance and
14 leadership of its President, Mr. James E. Denney, *Guma'Mami* has been proven
15 to be very successful; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in conjunction with other agencies, *Guma'Mami*
17 participated in many programs, training sessions, and conferences throughout
18 2004/2005 that impacted the movement and evolution of human services; and

19 **WHEREAS**, *Guma'Mami* continues to advocate for systems change and
20 provide *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* meaningful advice on policies relevant to the
21 lives of persons with disabilities; and

22 **WHEREAS**, *Guma'Mami* is an active participant in many distinguished
23 councils, including the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC),
24 the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities
25 (DISID), the Creative Funding Task Force, Guam Center for Excellence in

1 Developmental Disabilities, Education, Research & Service (Guam
2 CEDDERS), the Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT) Advisory
3 Council, the Guam Mental Health Planning Council, and the Public Guardian
4 Review Board; and

5 **WHEREAS**, through its federal grant project, "*STOP Violence Against*
6 *Older and Women with Disabilities*," *Guma'Mami* provides prevention,
7 awareness and capacity building activities, legal services, as well as training
8 for law enforcement agencies in the dynamics of domestic violence and to
9 more effectively assist victims of domestic violence; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in the past year, *Guma'Mami* provided essential and
11 important case management services, support groups, peer counseling
12 services, and educational workshops to women with disabilities and seniors
13 who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, and
14 educational classes for adults with disabilities; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in March 2005, *Guma'Mami*, in collaboration with the Guam
16 Developmental Disabilities Council and the Guam Council on the Arts and
17 Humanities Agency (CAHA), coordinated an art exhibit, entitled: "A Exhibit
18 2005: Art by Persons with Disabilities," of works by individuals with
19 disabilities, along with established local artists, showing the potential of
20 persons with disabilities to excel in the realm of arts; and

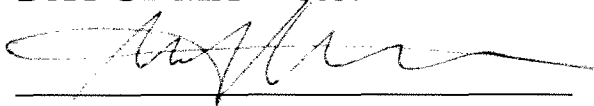
21 **WHEREAS**, *Guma'Mami* has pushed forward in various creative
22 fundraising initiatives to provide financial support to consumers with
23 disabilities; now, therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
25 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the

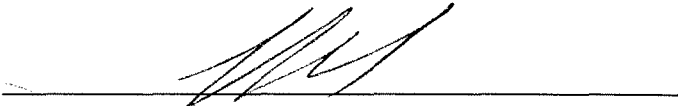
1 people of Guam, express its support of the dedicated, passionate, and
2 hardworking employees of *Guma'Mami*, and does pay tribute to them during
3 *Guma'Mami* Week; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
5 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
6 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Monica
7 Limtiaco, Executive Director of *Guma'Mami* Incorporated; to Mr. James E.
8 Denney, President, *Guma'Mami* Board of Directors; to Ms. Roseanne Ada,
9 Director, Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities;
10 to Mr. J. Peter Roberto, Director, Department of Mental Health and Substance
11 Abuse; to Mr. Ronald De Guzman, Executive Director, Guam Housing and
12 Urban Renewal Authority; to Mr. Joseph T. Flores, Executive Director, Guam
13 Developmental Disabilities Council; to Ms. Sylvia Flores, Director of the
14 Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency; to Mrs. Cecilia Morrison,
15 Grants Administrator of the Governor's Community Outreach Federal
16 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 17TH
DAY OF MAY 2005.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



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Senator and
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