

I MINA BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee Resolution
Resolution No. 127 (EC)

Introduced by:

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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 their joint effort with the national organization to celebrate with counterparts across the nation, during School Guidance Counselors Week.

1 **Be it Resolved by I Mina Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan:**

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

5 **Whereas,** in the observance of Guam School Counseling Week, the key
6 activity is the annual Guidance Counseling Conference to be held from February
7 06 – 11, 2006 in which the Guam Association of School Counselors ("GASC") has
8 provided logistical support to the conference in cooperation with the Guam
9 Public School System ("GPSS") Curriculum and Instruction, and the University of
10 Guam's Professional Development and Lifelong Learning Center in providing
11 Professional Development Services to the GPSS guidance counselors; and

12 **Whereas,** the GASC, as a local chapter of the American School Counselors
13 Association ("ASCA"), was established to enhance and ensure that excellence is
14 provided for in the island's school counseling program; and

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

1 **Whereas,** GASC's affiliation with the national association of the ASCA
2 enables the chapter to seek support and representation at the national level via
3 government relations programs and activities in line with continual effort to
4 improve the 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 school
7 counseling program; and

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

11 **Whereas,** the GASC joins the ASCA in celebrating with 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 to
14 school districts, state departments in developing school counseling programs
15 across the nation, Director of School Counseling Programs from the Tucson
16 Unified School District; current president of the ASCA, co-author of the ASCA
17 National Model as a framework for school counseling programs and companion;
18 and

19 **Whereas,** Diana Johnston, a co-trainer, born and raised on Guam, taught
20 at Guam schools before she became an elementary school counselor at Ford
21 Elementary School for the Tucson Unified School District in Arizona, and is
22 nationally recognized for her Comprehensive Competency-Based Guidance
23 program incorporating "Bully Proofing Your School Program"; and the RAMP
24 (Recognized ASCA Model Program) awardee for 2005, a national award given
25 annually to outstanding contributions of guidance counselors in schools; and

1 **Whereas**, the GASC officers and board members have provided
2 leadership and service to professional colleagues to attempt to integrate the
3 ASCA national model of school counseling into a GPSS District Plan and to start a
4 Comprehensive Competency-Based Guidance program in every school for GPSS
5 based on national standards;

6 **Whereas**, the Guam Association of School Counselors officers include,
7 Josephine Caluag, Ph.D., President; John Van Ausdall, Executive Vice President;
8 Estela Lear, Secretary; Leonila Bernardo, Treasurer; Ruth Kruckenberg, Assistant
9 Treasurer; Board Members, Maude Van Ausdall, Ruth Kruckenberg, Doreen
10 Pereda, Robert Foley, Jovy Young, Elisabeth Rosario-Ichihara and the standing
11 committees of the GASC include Membership Chair, Leah Duenas; By-Laws
12 Chair, John Van Ausdall; Publication and Research Chair, Wenonah Abrenica-
13 Mendoza; Fellowship Chair, Merlinda Cruz; Ways and Means Chair, Jovy
14 Young; Professional Program Development Chair, Robert Foley and Michelle
15 Blend; Awards Chair, Elisabeth Rosario-Ichihara; and Mentoring Chair, Robert
16 Foley; now therefore be it

17 **Resolved**, that *I Mina Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
18 behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate the Guam Public School System in
19 their vision and leadership and further commends the collaborative system to
20 help students acquire skills in the personal/social, educational, and career
21 domains necessary for living in a multi-cultural society, to the sponsoring units,
22 GPSS Division of Curriculum and Instruction, the University of Guam's
23 Professional Development and Lifelong Learning Center, and to the GASC
24 officers and standing committee members, and the men and women who have
25 made school guidance counseling their profession for their diligence, compassion
26 and selfless guidance; and be it further

1 **Resolved**, that the Speaker certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest
2 the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
3 Josephine Caluag, Ph.D., President GASC; to Mr. Juan P. Flores, Superintendent
4 of the Guam Public School System; to each member school of GASC; to Judy
5 Bowers, Ed.D., President of the American School Counseling Association; to
6 Guam Public School System Division of Curriculum and Instruction; to the
7 University of Guam Professional Development and Lifelong Learning Center;
8 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga Lahen Guåhan*.

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Duly and regularly adopted on the _____ of February 2006.

MARK FORBES
Speaker

EDDIE BAZA CALVO
Senator and Legislative
Secretary