

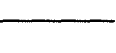


MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2006 (SECOND) Regular Session

Executive Committee  
Resolution No. 171

Introduced by:

Mike Cruz, M.D.   
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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**, it is acknowledged by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* that the  
4 week of May 21-May 28, 2006 is the 25<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of *Guma' Mami*  
5 and this year's theme is "*Guma' Mami, Inc.- 25 Years of Celebrating*  
6 *Abilities*"; and

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

11           **WHEREAS**, through the talents of the excellent, passionate and  
12 dedicated staff and management, *Guma' Mami* is able to access the private  
13 business sector, local and federal resources, and consumer and family  
14 involvement to enhance the lives of the individuals it cares for; and

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1           **WHEREAS**, the support and active participation of its volunteer  
2 general membership, including its Board of Directors under the guidance  
3 and leadership of its President, Mrs. Connie B. Duenas, *Guma' Mami* has  
4 been proven to be very successful; and

5           **WHEREAS**, in conjunction with other agencies, *Guma' Mami*  
6 participated in many programs, training sessions and conferences  
7 throughout 2005 and 2006 that impacted the movement and evolution of  
8 human services; and

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

12           **WHEREAS**, *Guma' Mami* is an active participant in many  
13 distinguished councils, including the Guam Developmental Disabilities  
14 Council (GDDC), the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals  
15 with Disabilities (DISID), the Creative Funding Task Force, Guam Center  
16 for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Education, Research &  
17 Service (Guam CEDDERS), the Guam System for Assistive Technology  
18 (GSAT) Advisory Council, the Guam Mental Health Planning Council and  
19 the Public Guardian Review Board; and

20           **WHEREAS**, through its federal grant project, "*STOP Violence Against*  
21 *Older and Women with Disabilities*," *Guma' Mami* provides prevention,  
22 awareness and capacity building activities, legal services, as well as

1 training for law enforcement agencies in the dynamics of domestic violence  
2 and to more effectively assist victims of domestic violence; and

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

8 **WHEREAS**, in March 2006, *Guma' Mami*, in collaboration with the  
9 Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC) and the Guam Council  
10 on the Arts and Humanities Agency (KAHA), coordinated an art exhibit,  
11 entitled: "On Exhibit 2006: Art Without Walls," of works by individuals  
12 with disabilities, along with established local artists, showing the potential  
13 of persons with disabilities to excel in the realm of arts; and

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

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina' Bente Ocho na*  
18 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the  
19 people of Guam, commend and congratulate *Guma' Mami* for its twenty-  
20 five (25) years of providing service, advocacy and support to adults in our  
21 community with intellectual disabilities, mental illness and other  
22 developmental disabilities; and be it further

1           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na*  
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
3 people of Guam, express its support to the dedicated, passionate and  
4 hardworking employees of *Guma' Mami*, and does further pay tribute to  
5 them during the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Guma' Mami*; and be it further

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

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE OF I MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN  
GUÅHAN ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.**

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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker

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