

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

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 205

Introduced by:

Ray Tenorio 

Relative to observing the month of November 4, 2006 as 'Down Syndrome Awareness Day' with programs and activities coordinated by the Down Syndrome Association of Guam and commending the people of Guam in its efforts to raise awareness and support.

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

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

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services reports that, as recently as the past twenty (20) years, people with Down Syndrome were stigmatized or—all too frequently—institutionalized but are now benefiting from important advances in research, education, and health care; and

WHEREAS, children with Down Syndrome receiving parental love, nurturing and support as well as early intervention programs, such as educational opportunities and community involvement, are

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able to achieve their potential and function in society with a greater degree of independence; and

WHEREAS, with the vision and hard work of researchers, service-providers, physicians, teachers, parent support groups, and members of private and voluntary organizations, more people are now aware of the challenges of being an individual with Down Syndrome; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize November 4, 2006 as 'Down Syndrome Awareness Day,' and urges the island community to actively participate in promoting greater understanding of Down Syndrome; and be it further

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, commends practitioners who help raise awareness and support persons with Down Syndrome and their families and recognizes the significant contributions these individuals and organizations have made, and continue to make, in efforts to help

persons with Down Syndrome lead active and productive lives; and
be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same
be thereafter transmitted to the Down Syndrome Association of
Guam; 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 ____ DAY OF NOVEMBER 2006.**

MARK FORBES
Speaker

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Secretary of the Legislature