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

Executive Committee Resolution No. 12

Introduced by:

J. A. Lujan X Mike Cruz, M.D. 1000

RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE ELEVEN EMPLOYEES IN THE DIVISION OF SENIOR CITIZENS, OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, WHO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF DAILY LIFE FOR OUR MANÅMKO, ON THE OCCASION OF "SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH 2005"

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

3 WHEREAS, almost 14,000 residents of Guam have completed the 4 preliminary phases of their lives as children, adolescents, young adults 5 starting families and careers, and as established adult leaders of our families 6 and community, attaining the recognized status as "senior citizens"; and

7 WHEREAS, in their retirement years many senior citizens find 8 themselves isolated from the daily stimulation of work and marketplace; and 30 th nu li and soz

WHEREAS, in our effort to maintain progress as citizens of a modern American community, typical home settings have increasingly evolved from extended family households to those of a nuclear family, and family members are dispersed from original villages to neighborhoods far removed, leaving elderly family members isolated from familiar social settings and amenities; and

7 WHEREAS, in consideration of the love and respect we have for our 8 parents, grandparents, senior relatives and other senior residents of our 9 community, as a community we seek ways and means to keep them secure 10 and keep them active to the extent of their continuing abilities and interest; 11 and

WHEREAS, on behalf of all our people, the government of Guam has implemented and supported federal, local, community-based, and noncommercial initiatives to provide services specifically designed to enhance the quality of life for our elderly residents; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Senior Citizens, Department of Public
 Health and Social Services is responsible for administering Federal and local
 programs addressing the needs of our ManÅmko; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of eleven dedicated and caring public servants in the Division of Senior Citizens, numerous services and activities are organized for our ManÅmko, either directly or through contracted agencies and providers; and

WHEREAS, such services and activities include protecting the civil
rights of our senior citizens, identifying unmet needs of our ManÅmko and

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advocate for their fulfillment, and coordinating governmental and private
 interests, to build a comprehensive service delivery system and promote
 opportunities for our elderly citizens to enjoy meaningful and productive
 lives; and,

5 WHEREAS, the Division of Senior Citizens accomplishes its service 6 mission through contracted private providers, exemplifying the contemporary 7 administrative virtue of ensuring privatized delivery of public services, which 8 include adult day care, case management, in-home services, nutritional meal 9 deliveries, legal assistance, senior citizens center operations, transportation, 10 and more; and

WHEREAS, the value of services delivered to our ManÅmko through
 private contracts administered by the Division of Senior Citizens averages \$8
 million annually; and

WHEREAS, the quality of life for each elderly resident is directly
enhanced when their individual needs are addressed in their twilight years;
and

WHEREAS, the quality of life for all residents of Guam is enhanced
when the needs of our elderly residents are addressed with competence and
compassion; and

WHEREAS, we credit the Administrator and staff of the Division of Senior Citizens, Department of Public Health and Social Services, with the successful delivery of services to our senior citizens according to their needs, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* hereby congratulates and
 commends, on behalf of the People of Guam, Mr. Arthur U. San Agustin,
 MHR, Administrator of the Division of Senior Citizens, on a job well done on
 our behalf for our ManÅmko; and now be it further

RESOLVED, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* also commends the hard work 5 and dedication of Division of Senior Citizens staff Program Coordinator IV 6 7 Joleen M. M. Almandres, Program Coordinator III Davis Tevid, Social Services 8 Supervisor I Cerina Y. Mariano, Social Worker III Evelyn O. Cruz, Social Worker III James J. Smits, Administrative Officer Tommy C. Taitague, 9 10 Program Coordinator III Leon P.C. Bamba, Program Coordinator II Jeanette 11 M. Gomez, Word Processing Secretary II Barbara C. Blas, and Management 12 Analyst III Sallie L.T. McDonald; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the 14 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be 15 thereafter transmitted to Acting Director of Public Health and Social Services 16 Mr. Arthur U. San Agustin, Acting Division of Senior Citizens Administrator 17 Ms. Cerina Y. Mariano, Program Coordinator IV Joleen M. M. Almandres, 18 Program Coordinator III Davis Tevid, Social Worker III Evelyn O. Cruz, Social 19 Worker III James J. Smits, Administrative Officer Tommy C. Taitague, Program Coordinator III Leon P.C. Bamba, Program Coordinator II Jeanette 20 21 M. Gomez, Word Processing Secretary II Barbara C. Blas, Management 22 Analyst III Sallie L.T. McDonald; and to the Governor of Guam.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NALIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THEDAY OF2005.

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MARK FORBES Speaker EDWARD J.B. CALVO Senator and Secretary of the Legislature