

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 172

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**Relative to commending and congratulating the
Management and Staff of the Department of Youth Affairs
on the Celebration of its Thirtieth (30th) Anniversary.**

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I***
2 ***MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Youth Affairs, established thirty (30)
4 years ago through the Youth Affairs Act of 1978, has been carrying out its
5 mission of improving the quality of life of our youth on Guam by
6 implementing programs, activities and services that promote youth

1 development, discourage juvenile delinquency and strengthen the family unit;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, since its inception, the staff and management both past and
4 present have worked tremendously hard for a combined three (3) decades to
5 enhance the lives of our island's youth by teaching responsibility and
6 accountability, promoting leadership, as well as balancing punishment,
7 protection, rehabilitation and treatment for at-risk and troubled youth; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Department of Youth Affairs, Director Chris Duenas has
9 taken the torch from his predecessors, carried on the mission set forth by its
10 enabling legislation, Public Law 14-110, and has infused the department with
11 a burst of positive energy, instilling in its counselors, correctional personnel,
12 activities coordinators and even its young clients a sense of pride and
13 ownership in the Department's goals and objectives, ensuring that qualified
14 staff is hired and trained well, facilities and equipment are properly
15 maintained and relationships in the community are developed and nurtured,
16 including acquiring support from public and private organizations; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Department's goals are diligently sought after every
18 year including reducing the number of youth entering the Family Court
19 annually by ten percent (10%), reducing the number of youth entering the
20 DYA Correctional Facility by fifteen percent (15%) a year and reducing the
21 recidivism rate of youth remanded to DYA's Correctional Facility by ten
22 percent (10%) a year; and


23 **WHEREAS**, DYA's motto, "Striving for a Better Tomorrow...Getting
24 Things Done!" is not just a slogan, but a mantra by which the Department's

1 leadership and staff operate, offering Guam's young men and women a
2 myriad of programs and services to include physical and sports activities,
3 community projects, aftercare programs, counseling and other programs that
4 help nurture, rehabilitate, teach and promote our youth; now, therefore, be it


5 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
6 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the
7 people of Guam, congratulate Director, Chris Duenas and his hard working
8 staff and managers of the Department of Youth Affairs for carrying on the
9 mission in its Thirtieth (30th) Year; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
11 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
12 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Chris
13 Duenas, DYA Director; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren*
14 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 31ST
DAY OF MARCH 2008.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker and
Chairwoman, Executive Committee



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature