

***I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2008 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 174**

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Relative to recognizing all of the Professional Child Caregivers on Guam on their outstanding contributions to our children and congratulating them as they celebrate "Child Caregivers Appreciation Week".

- 1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I***  
2        ***MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***  
3        **WHEREAS,** one of our most valuable and precious island resources is  
4        our youngest population, the children of Guam; and

1           **WHEREAS**, national studies have shown repeatedly that quality child  
2 care and education leads to higher school achievement, lower drop-out rates,  
3 fewer behavior and discipline problems, and cost savings to school districts  
4 and communities; and

5           **WHEREAS**, quality child care promotes the well-being of children and  
6 responds to the needs of parents and the broader community by supporting  
7 quality of life so that citizens can fully participate in and contribute to the  
8 economic and social life of their island community; and

9           **WHEREAS**, Guam “Child Caregivers Appreciation Week” is being  
10 celebrated this year from April 13 to April 19, 2008, to coincide with the  
11 National Association for the Education of Young Children’s (NAEYC) annual  
12 **"WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD"** celebration; and

13           **WHEREAS**, Guam “Child Caregivers Appreciation Week” is a time set  
14 aside to educate the public, and parents in particular, about the competent  
15 adults who provide safe, healthy, enriched programs for the children who will  
16 become the citizens of tomorrow; and

17           **WHEREAS**, Guam “Child Caregivers Appreciation Week” is a time  
18 dedicated to our island community to celebrate the commitment of  
19 professional child caregivers, individuals who have made the important  
20 decision and the necessary commitment to teach and care for young children  
21 as their primary profession; and

22           **WHEREAS**, the need for quality programs for young children is intense  
23 and increasing as parents see the need and value of good day care programs,  
24 where children can flourish in an environment with interested, responsive

1 adults who are able to teach, understand, and care for them; and


2       **WHEREAS**, providing quality child care for young children is only one  
3 way that child care providers enhance the well-being of families. Parents  
4 who know that their children are well cared for feel more confident and have  
5 more peace of mind while they work. Child care providers also support  
6 parents directly by offering a rich background of experience and practical  
7 knowledge on handling expected issues inherent in everyday child  
8 development. It is for these above stated reasons, and so much more, that we  
9 rightly celebrate these often unsung heroes; now, therefore, be it

10       **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*  
11 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
12 people of Guam, recognize all of the professional child caregivers on Guam  
13 for their numerous outstanding contributions to the well-being of our  
14 children and congratulate them as they celebrate Guam “Child Caregivers  
15 Appreciation Week”; and be it further

16       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive  
17 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
18 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Geri  
19 Unpingco, President; to Kara Hernandez, Vice-President; to Joaquin Rivera,  
20 Treasurer; to Julie Rivera, Auditor; to Eri Yamamoto, Secretary; and to  
21 Daphne Parr, Assistant Secretary - Officers of the Guam Child Care and  
22 Development Association; to Dr. Marilyn Jackson, founder, Charter President,  
23 and Advisor of the Guam Child Care and Development Association; to the

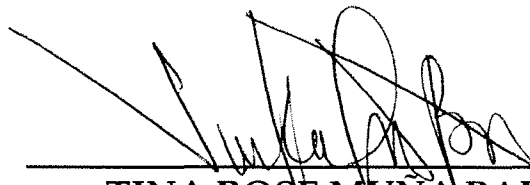
- 1 Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States
- 2 Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF APRIL 2008.**



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



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**TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES**  
**Senator and**  
**Secretary of the Legislature**