

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

Introduced by:



Ray Tenorio

Relative to Commending and Congratulating the Management and Staff of the Department of Youth Affairs on the Celebration of its 30th Anniversary.

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

3 WHEREAS, the Department of Youth Affairs, established 30
4 years ago through the Youth Affairs Act of 1978, has been carrying
5 out its mission of improving the quality of life of our youth on Guam
6 by implementing programs, activities and services that promote
7 youth development, discourage juvenile delinquency and strengthen
8 the family unit; and

9 WHEREAS, since its inception, the staff and management –both
10 past and present- have worked tremendously hard for a combined 3
11 decades to enhance the lives of our island’s youth by teaching
12 responsibility and accountability, promoting leadership, as well as
13 balancing punishment, protection, rehabilitation and treatment for at-
14 risk and troubled youth; and

15 WHEREAS, DYA’s Director Chris Duenas has taken the torch
16 from his predecessors, carried on the mission set forth by its enabling
17 legislation, Public Law 14-110, and has infused the department with a

1 burst of positive energy, instilling in its counselors, correctional
2 personnel, activities coordinators and even its young clients a sense
3 of pride and ownership in the department's goals and objectives,
4 ensuring that qualified staff is hired and trained well, facilities and
5 equipment are properly maintained and relationships in the
6 community are developed and nurtured, including acquiring support
7 from public and private organizations; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Department's goals are diligently sought after
9 every year including reducing the number of youth entering the
10 Family Court annually by 10%, reducing the number of youth
11 entering the DYA Correctional Facility by 15% a year and reducing
12 the recidivism rate of youth remanded to DYA's Correctional Facility
13 by 10% a year; and

14 **WHEREAS**, DYA's motto, "Striving for a Better
15 Tomorrow...Getting Things Done!" is not just a slogan, but a mantra
16 by which the Department's leadership and staff operate, offering
17 Guam's young men and women a myriad of programs and services
18 to include physical and sports activities, community projects,
19 aftercare programs, counseling and other programs that help nurture,
20 rehabilitate, teach and promote our youth; now, therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*
22 does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate Director
23 Chris Duenas and his hard working staff and managers of the
24 Department of Youth Affairs for carrying on the mission in its 30th
25 Year; and therefore, be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
2 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same
3 be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Chris Duenas, DYA Director; and to
4 the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'Lahen Guáhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN
GUÁHANON* THIS _____ DAY OF MARCH 2008.**

Judi Won Pat
Speaker

Tina Rose Muna Barnas
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

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