Exec. Comm.

Resolution No. 174

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RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING ALL 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 resource is

4 our youngest population, the children of Guam; and

5   WHEREAS, national studies have shown repeatedly that quality child

6 care and education leads to higher school achievement, lower drop-out rates,

7 fewer behavior and discipline problems, and cost savings to school districts

8 and communities; and

9   WHEREAS, quality child care promotes the well- being of children and

10 responds to the needs of parents and the broader community by supporting

1 quality of life so that citizens can fully participate in and contribute to the

2 economic and social life of their island community; and

3   **WHEREAS**, Guam Child Caregiver Appreciation Week is being

4 celebrated this year from April 13 to April 19 to coincide with the National

5 Association for the Education of Young Children's (NAEYC), annual "WEEK

6 OF THE YOUNG CHILD" celebration; and

7   **WHEREAS**, Guam Child Caregiver Appreciation Week is a time set

8 aside to educate the public, and parents in particular, about the competent

9 adults who provide a safe, healthy, enriched programs for the children who

10 will become the citizens of tomorrow; and

11   **WHEREAS**, Guam Child Caregiver Appreciation Week is time

12 dedicated to our island community to celebrate the commitment of

13 professional child caregivers, individuals who have made the important

14 decision and the necessary commitment to teach and care for young children

15 as their primary profession; and

16   **WHEREAS**, the need for quality programs for young children is intense

17 and increasing as parents see the need and value of good day care programs,

18 where children can flourish in an environment with interested, responsive

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

20   **WHEREAS**, providing quality child care for young children is only one

21 way that child care providers enhance the well being of families. Parents who

22 know that their children are well cared for feel more confident and have more

1 peace of mind while they work. Child care providers also support parents

2 directly by offering a rich background of experience and practical knowledge

3 on handling expected issues inherent in everyday child development. It is for

4 these above stated reasons, and so much more that we rightly celebrate these

5 often unsung heroes; now, therefore, be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guahan*, on behalf

7 of the people of Guam, recognizes all the professional child caregivers on

8 Guam for their numerous outstanding contributions to the well being of our

9 children and congratulate them as they celebrate Guam Child Care

10 Appreciation Week; and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Speaker and the Chairman of

12 the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of I Liheslaturan attest to,

13 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to

14 Geri Unpingco, President; Kara Hernandez, Vice-President; Joaquin Rivera,

15 Treasurer; Julie Rivera, Auditor; Eri Yamamoto, Secretary; and Daphne Parr,

16 Assistant Secretary - Officers of the Guam Child Care and Development

17 Association; to Dr. Marilyn Jackson, founder , Charter President, and Advisor

18 of the Guam Child Care and Development Association; to the Honorable

19 Madeline Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; and to

20 the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guahan.*

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2007.

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Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.   **Tina Rose Muña-Barnes**
Speaker   **Senator and**
                  Secretary of the Legislature