

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

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 176

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Introduced by:

Ray Tenorio 

Relative to recognizing April 2008 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” with the theme, “Promoting Healthy Families in Your Community” and commending the employees of the Child Protective Services Division and the Bureau of Social Services Administration of the Department of Public Health and Social Services and the volunteers of private organizations that provide services to children.

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

3 WHEREAS, we acknowledge that child abuse and child neglect are
4 problems on our island, but we emphasize the importance of protecting the
5 lives and dignity of our precious children within a secure and nurturing
6 environment; and

7 WHEREAS, it is estimated that three million (3,000,000) child welfare
8 reports involving approximately five million five hundred thousand
9 (5,500,000) children are made annually across the nation, of which one
10 thousand one hundred eighty-seven (1,187) were made here on Guam in 2007;
11 and

1 **WHEREAS**, most parents are aware of their primary responsibility to
2 provide for their children’s well-being, some cannot do so without support
3 from family and community programs; and

4 **WHEREAS**, studies have shown that parents and caretakers who have
5 the necessary resources and support systems are more likely to provide a safe
6 and healthy environment for their children; and

7 **WHEREAS**, if we as a community encourage parents to use available
8 programs such as: Parenting Education, Child Care Opportunities, Early and
9 Regular Child/Family Screening and Treatment, Support for New Parents,
10 Programs for Abused Children, Family Support Services, Life Skills Training
11 for Children and Young Adults, Public Information and Education,
12 Understanding and Meeting their Child’s Emotional, Physical and
13 Developmental Needs, we will help prevent child abuse and start the healing
14 process for those who have already fallen victim; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Child Protective Services Division and the Bureau of
16 Social Services Administration of the Department of Public Health and Social
17 Services encourage private organizations and government agencies to
18 promote education, intervention, and the prevention of abuse and neglect of
19 children; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Guam should increase its awareness and participation to
21 prevent child abuse and neglect, thereby strengthening our community; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Ñuebi Na*
24 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the

1 people of Guam, recognize the month of April 2008 as “Child Abuse
2 Prevention Month” with the theme, “Promoting Healthy Families in Your
3 Community” and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
5 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the employees of the
6 Child Protective Services Division and the Bureau of Social Services
7 Administration of the Department of Public Health and Social Services and
8 the volunteers of private organizations that provide services to children; and
9 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 the Child
13 Protective Services Division of the Department of Public Health and Social
14 Services; to the Bureau of Social Services Administration of the Department of
15 Public Health and Social Services; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
16 *Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA’BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE _____ DAY OF APRIL 2008.

Speaker

Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature