

MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee

Resolution No. 62 (EC)

Introduced by:

Ray Tenorio



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Relative to recognizing and commending Ms. Erika Vaughan for her achievement as Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam's Executive Director and to express *un dangkolo na si Yu'us Ma'ase* for her contributions to the island of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Erika Vaughan was born in Inkster, Michigan on
4 January 28. She is the second of three siblings. Raised in Dearborn,
5 Michigan, she attended St. Thomas Aquinas High School and graduated
6 from Auburn University in Alabama with a BA in Psychology. Several
7 years later, Ms. Erika Vaughan earned her MSW in Social Work from the
8 University of Kansas; and

9 **WHEREAS,** On October 4, 2004, Ms. Erika Vaughan became the
10 Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam which provides
11 quality volunteer and professional mentoring services for children and
12 youth and assists them in achieving their potential as they become
13 responsible men and women; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Executive Director, Ms. Erika Vaughan, has worked
2 with the corporate mentoring partners to Big Brothers Big Sisters of
3 Guam such as Citibank, N.A., the Bank of Guam and Bank of Hawaii
4 who have generously devoted their time and effort to positively
5 influence students around the island; children attending Price
6 Elementary School, Chief Brodie Elementary School, Ordot Chalan Pago
7 Elementary School, Carbullido Elementary School, Tamuning
8 Elementary School, Marcial Sablan Elementary School, Agueda I.
9 Johnston Elementary School, Department of Defense Education Activity
10 (DODEA) Andersen Middle School, Vicente A. Benavente Middle
11 School, and Untalan Middle School received support from intervention
12 and prevention programs as well as educational and community
13 involvement that allowed each child to achieve his potential with greater
14 degree of independence; and,

15 **WHEREAS**, in 2006, with the guidance of Ms. Erika Vaughan, Big
16 Brothers Big Sisters of Guam set an aggressive growth goal by realizing
17 that increased staff capacity would be instrumental to increasing service
18 in delivery, the organization made a commitment to securing the
19 resources and funding necessary to enable sustained, long term growth.
20 In an effort to build brighter futures, better schools, and stronger
21 communities, the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam continues to use
22 resources wisely to expand their proven mentoring model. In 2006, Big

1 Brothers Big Sisters served more children increasing the number to 143; a
2 fifty percent (50%) increase over the previous year while tripling their
3 revenue thereby expanding its capacity to enroll, train, and
4 professionally support larger numbers; now therefore, be it

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi*
6 *Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam,
7 express our heartfelt appreciation and *un dangkolo na si Yu'us Ma'ase*,
8 recognize and commend Ms. Erika Vaughan, Executive Director of Big
9 Brothers Big Sisters of Guam for her exemplary leadership skills in
10 making the organization a vital component in the improved quality of
11 life of the people of Guam especially the volunteers and children of Big
12 Brothers Big Sisters of Guam; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED** that the Speaker and the Secretary of *I Mina'bente*
14 *Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* attest to the adoption hereof, and that
15 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Erika Vaughan, Big
16 Brothers Big Sisters of Guam Executive Director; Mr. Frank Bracken, Big
17 Brothers Big Sisters National Board Chair; and to the Honorable Felix P.
18 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* (Governor of Guam).

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OF I MINA BENTE NUEBI LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
ON THE ____ DAY OF MAY 2007.**

Mark Forbes
Speaker

Ray Tenorio
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature