

MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 70

Introduced by:

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**RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING AND
CONGRATULATING GUMA' MAMI ON ITS
TWENTY-SIX (26) YEARS OF SERVICE,
ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT TO ADULTS WITH
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES, MENTAL
ILLNESS, AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

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

WHEREAS, Guma' Mami is a well-known and recognized 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation with twenty-six (26) years of dedicated service to persons with disabilities with a mission to support, enhance, and improve the quality for life of persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Guma' Mami wishes to express its appreciation to its dedicated staff and management for their time and effort for thoughtfully assisting the community by using the private sector, local and federal resources, consumer and family involvement, to enhance the lives of the people they serve; and

WHEREAS, Guma' Mami recognizes and appreciates the support and active participation of its volunteer general membership including the guidance and leadership

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of Mrs. Connie Duenas, President and Mr. Robert Hofmann, Vice-President of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Guma' Mami has participated in many programs, training sessions, and conferences throughout the years 2006 and 2007 that impacted the movement and evolution of human services in conjunction with other agencies worthy of mention; and **WHEREAS**, Guma' Mami continues its leadership role as advisors to *I Liheslaturan Guahan* on policy and systems change that affect the lives of persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Guma' Mami is dedicated to its participation on the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC); Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities (DISID); Minimum Care Requirements Committee; Guam Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Education, Research and Service (Guam CEDDERS); Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT) Advisory Council; Guam Mental Health Planning Council; the Public Guardian Review Board, and many other similar resource councils; and

WHEREAS, Guma' Mami was awarded funding by the Governor's Community Outreach Federal Programs Office, Office of the Governor in Fiscal Year 2007 through a grant project entitled, *STOP Violence Against Women Program*, under the "Violence Against Women Act," placing emphasis on prevention, awareness and capacity building activities, legal services, as well as training law enforcement agencies in the dynamics of effectively assisting victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, in the past year, Guma' Mami provided essential and important case management services, support groups, peer counseling services, and educational workshops to women with disabilities and seniors who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and educational classes for adults with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, in March 2006, Guma' Mami fulfilled the requirements of its grant from the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency (CAHA) through funding

from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in collaboration with the GDDC by successfully coordinating, “On Exhibit 2006: Art by Persons with Disabilities,” an art exhibit of works by individuals with disabilities along with established local artists showcasing the potential of persons with disabilities to excel in the realm of the arts; and

WHEREAS, Guma’ Mami has impacted positively on the inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities and mental illness through its housing support programs, which include the Mary Clare Home, the Independent Group Home, and Guma’ Isa; and

WHEREAS, Guma’ Mami will coordinate training activities for consumers, family members and staff to include a Staff Development/Retreat and Learning Opportunities for Consumers and Families workshop; and

WHEREAS, Guma’ Mami has pushed forward in various creative fundraising initiatives to provide financial support to consumers with disabilities, which includes the “Poetry Without Limits” which will feature the poetry of consumers and advocates; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the staff, management and Board of Directors of Guma’ Mami for their dedication and service to the community of Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and Chairman of the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Connie Duenas; to the Board of Directors of Guma’ Mami; to Mrs. Monica Flores Limtiaco, Executive Director of Guma’ Mami; to the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities; to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; to the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority; to the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council; to the Guam Council of the Arts and Humanities Agency; to the Governor’s Community Outreach Federal Programs Office and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 23rd DAY OF
MAY 2007.**

MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee

RAY TENORIO
Secretary of the Legislature