


I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Resolution No. 141(25)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing April 2006 as 'Child Abuse Prevention Month' with the theme 'Safe Children and Healthy Families are Shared Responsibility', 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 volunteers of community-based organizations who provide services and care for children.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**

**WHEREAS**, the people of Guam recognize that child abuse and child neglect are problems felt by the island community; and

**WHEREAS**, the lives of our precious children must be protected and a priority of all members of the community in order to build a safe and nurturing environment for our children to reach their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, while a parents primary responsibility is to provide for their children's well-being, many are not able to do so with assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated two million, nine hundred thousand (2,900,000) child welfare reports are made that represent approximately five million, five hundred thousand (5,500,000) children across the nation, of which one



thousand, six hundred thirty-one (1,631) child welfare referrals were made here on Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, research has shown parents and caretakers who have resources and support systems are more likely to provide a safe and healthy home for their children; and

**WHEREAS**, the best way to prevent child abuse is to provide parents with the skills and resources they need to understand and meet their child's emotional, physical, and developmental needs such as support for new parents, parenting education, early and regular child and family screening and treatment, child care opportunities, programs for abused children, life skills training for children and young adults, family support services, and public information and education, all play a major role in helping our families build a better understanding and relationship with their children; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Social Services Administration of the Department of Public Health and Social Services advocate with community-based organizations and government agencies to educate, intervene, and prevent abuse and neglect of children; and

**WHEREAS**, our island community joins the nation in recognizing the month of April 2006 as 'Child Abuse Prevention Month' with the theme, 'Safe Children and Healthy Families'; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the employees of Bureau of Social Services Administration and Child Protective Services Division of the Department of Public Health and Social Services, and volunteers of community-

based organizations who provide services and care for children; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does encourage all residents, community-based and faith-based organizations, medical facilities, business entities to increase the awareness and participate in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect, thereby strengthening the community in which we live; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Bureau of Social Services Administration of the Department of Public Health and Social Services; Child Protective Services Division of the Department of Public Health and Social Services; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF APRIL, 2006.**

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MARK FORBES  
Speaker  
Executive Committee Chairman

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EDWARD J.B. CALVO  
Senator  
Secretary of the Legislature