I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2006 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 197(C5)

Introduced by:

Ray Tenorio

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Relative to recognizing the month of September 2006 as 'Child Support Awareness Month' with the theme: 'Love Your Kids' and commending the men and women of the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Enforcement Division for their continued hard work and dedication to the children of Guam.

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

WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Enforcement Division's theme: 'Love Your Kids' emphasizes the government's commitment to protect and serve our children; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Enforcement Division's mission is to offer a support system for custodial and non-custodial parents and encourage them to provide financial and unconditional care for the emotional well-being of Guam's children; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Enforcement Division's automation system was certified by the Federal Government on April 30, 2004, and received one hundred ninety-four thousand dollars (\$194,000) in penalty refund; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Enforcement Division utilizes the New Hire Directory, License Suspension, and Financial Institute Data Match (FIDM) to facilitate the payment of support due to a custodial parent to adequately provide for their child; and

WHEREAS, I Liheslaturan Guåhan passed Public Law 28-109, which authorizes the amount of one hundred fifty-five thousand two hundred sixty-two dollars (\$155,262) to the Office of the Attorney General for the local matching requirements of federal funding awarded for the sole purpose of procuring new hardware and software to upgrade the child support computer system known as the Absent Parent Automated System Information (APASI); and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Enforcement Division's Access and Visitation Program provides custodial and non-custodial parents a means to mediate increased visitations for their child's financial and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Enforcement Division implemented new office hours from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, to better serve the community and assist custodial and non-custodial parents; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General Child Support

Enforcement Division updates the community by placing an insert in the Pacific Daily Newspaper to remind custodial parents of their obligation to their child who depend on their checks for their food, clothing and shelter; and

WHEREAS, with the release of the insert the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Enforcement Division has shown an increase of parents taking responsibility to update their payments to support their child; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the month of September 2006 as 'Child Support Awareness Month' with the theme: 'Love Your Kids'; and be it further

RESOLVED, that I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the men and women of the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Enforcement Division for their continue hard work and dedication to the children of Guam; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Douglas B. Moylan, Attorney General of Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

<b>DULY AND REGULARLY ADO</b>	PTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON	THEDAY OF SEPTEMBER,
2006.	
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Speaker	Senator and legislative Secretary