




I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Resolution No. 28(E.C)

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and acknowledging the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council, Guam Legal Services Corporation Disability Law Center, Guam Center for Excellence in Developmental Disability Education, Research, and Service, the Guam System for Assistive Technology, and Guma' Mami in recognition of their efforts to promote the month of March 2005 as "Development Disabilities Awareness Month."

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND  
2 HUMAN SERVICES OF *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN*  
3 *GUÅHAN*:

4 WHEREAS, March 2005 has been proclaimed "Developmental  
5 Disabilities Awareness Month" by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*; and

6 WHEREAS, there are more than four million (4,000,000) people with  
7 developmental disabilities in the United States and approximately two  
8 thousand nine hundred (2,900) individuals with developmental disabilities on  
9 the island of Guam; and

10 WHEREAS, individuals with developmental disabilities need and  
11 utilize services and supports for various aspects of their lives which, services  
12 have been and continue to be provided by professional personnel, service

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1 providers, family members, and the community, which increases  
2 opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to participate in  
3 major life area activities including education, health, recreation,  
4 transportation, housing, and other community activities; and

5 **WHEREAS**, through the increased awareness and services available to  
6 individuals with developmental disabilities, the lives of our friends with  
7 developmental disabilities can be made easier, while those without  
8 developmental disabilities can expand their understanding of the needs and  
9 challenges that persons with developmental disabilities are experiencing; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Tri-Agency on developmental disabilities is composed  
11 of three federally funded programs designed specifically to address issues  
12 and concerns related to developmental disabilities; and

13 **WHEREAS**, The Guam Developmental Disabilities Council is an  
14 organization composed of individuals with developmental disabilities, family  
15 members of individuals with developmental disabilities, and service provider  
16 representatives. The purpose of the Guam DD Council is to assure that  
17 individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in  
18 the design of and have access to needed community services, individualized  
19 supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self determination,  
20 independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion in all facets of  
21 community life, through culturally competent programs authorized under the  
22 Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Guam Legal Services Corporation Disability Law Center is  
24 a member of the Tri-Agency on developmental disabilities and receives  
25 federal funding to serve as the Protection and Advocacy System for Guam.

1 The GLSCDLC is composed of a variety of programs and services designed to  
2 protect the rights of individuals with disabilities and are advocates for  
3 improved services and supports for individuals with developmental  
4 disabilities; and

5       **WHEREAS**, the University of Guam Center for Excellence in  
6 Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service (Guam  
7 CEDDERS) is a member of the tri-agency on developmental disabilities and its  
8 mission is to create pathways that enhance, improve, and support the quality  
9 of life of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in  
10 partnership with individuals with developmental disabilities and their  
11 families, agencies, organizations, and service providers. Guam CEDDERS  
12 strives to provide community support and services, training and technical  
13 assistance, research, and dissemination under three initiatives including  
14 Consumer Leadership and Systems Change, Health, Wellness and Prevention,  
15 and Inclusive Communities. Guam CEDDERS is the parent organization for  
16 the Guam System for Assistive Technology, which is a program designed to  
17 serve as a resource to the community and model center for individuals with  
18 disabilities who utilize assistive technology devices and services to improve  
19 the quality of their lives; and

20       **WHEREAS**, March is the nationally recognized month to celebrate  
21 Developmental Disabilities Awareness and this year's local theme is "*What*  
22 *you see is what you get... include us now!*"; and

23       **WHEREAS**, various activities are being coordinated throughout the  
24 month of March 2005 to commemorate this auspicious event, including a  
25 Christian mass at Niño Perdido Church in Asan, the 11th Annual GSAT

1 conference on "Assistive Technology," the 11th Annual GSAT Exhibit Fair at  
2 the Agana Shopping Center, the Guam DD Council's 2005 Policy Maker  
3 Forum, and the 2005 Consumer Workshop; and

4       **WHEREAS**, Guma' Mami, a non-profit organization, dedicated to  
5 services and supports for individuals with disabilities, in collaboration with  
6 the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council and Guam Council on the Arts  
7 and Humanities Agency (CAHA) will coordinate an art exhibit, entitled: "On  
8 Exhibit: Art by Persons with Disabilities," of works by individuals with  
9 disabilities along with established local artists showing the potential of  
10 persons with developmental disabilities to excel in the realm of arts; and now,  
11 therefore, be it

12       **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Health and Human Services of *I*  
13 *Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I*  
14 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, commend and acknowledge the  
15 Guam Developmental Disabilities Council, Guam Legal Services Corporation  
16 Disability Law Center, University of Guam Center for Excellence in  
17 Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service, Guam System  
18 for Assistive Technology, and Guma' Mami for their efforts to promote the  
19 month of March as "*Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month*"; and be it  
20 further

21       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Committee on  
22 Health and Human Services certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest  
23 to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to  
24 Mr. Joseph T. Flores, Executive Director, Guam Developmental Disabilities  
25 Council; to Ms. Mildred Shirley Lujan, Chairperson, Guam Developmental

1 Disabilities Council; to Mr. Daniel Somerfleck, Director, Guam Legal Services  
2 Corporation Disability Law Center, to Dr. Heidi F. San Nicolas, Director,  
3 Guam Center for Excellence on Developmental Disabilities Education,  
4 Research, and Services, to Mr. Michael Terlaje, A.T. Specialist, Guam System  
5 for Assistive Technology, to Ms. Monica Limtiaco, Executive Director, Guma'  
6 Mami non-profit organization; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo,  
7 Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable  
8 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES  
OF *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 11th  
DAY OF MARCH, 2005.**

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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker

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**MIKE CRUZ, M.D.**  
Chairman, Committee on  
Health and Human Services

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**EDWARD J.B. CALVO**  
Secretary of the Legislature