


I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 32(EC)

Introduced by:

Ray Tenorio 
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Relative to commending and congratulating the Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT) on the occasion of their Eleventh Anniversary Celebration, Friday, March 5, 2005.

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

3 WHEREAS, the University of Guam, Guam Center for Excellence in
4 Education, Research, and Services, on Developmental Disabilities, (Guam
5 CEDDERS), established the Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT)
6 Project in 1994 over a three (3) year development grant approved by the
7 National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR), U.S.
8 Department of Education; and

9 WHEREAS, the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with
10 Disabilities Act of 1988 as amended in 1994 (P.L. 100-407 and 103-218) and
11 referred to as the 'Tech Act' provided the much needed funding for the grant;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Public Law 108-364 passed in October of 2004 has
14 reauthorized the program to continue for a period of six additional years; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Tech Act is to provide financial
2 assistance to states and territories to support systems change and advocacy
3 activities in the development and implementation of a consumer-responsive
4 comprehensive program of technology-related assistance for individuals with
5 disabilities; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Tech Act priority areas focus on activities which:

7 1) increase the awareness of policies, laws, regulations; practices,
8 procedures, and organizational structures, that facilitate the availability or
9 provision of Assistive Technology devices and services;

10 2) assist in developing and implementing strategies to increase the
11 availability of, funding for, access to, and provision of Assistive Technology
12 devices and services;

13 3) increase and promote coordination among state agencies and
14 private entities that are involved with the provision of Assistive Technology;

15 4) increase the active involvement of individuals with disabilities and
16 their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorize representatives in
17 the planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of such a
18 program;

19 5) assist in outreach to under-represented and rural populations to
20 identify needs, train service providers, and increase access to Assistive
21 Technology; and

22 6) assist in developing and implementing strategies to ensure timely
23 acquisition and delivery of Assistive Technology with special emphasis on
24 children; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Guam System for Assistive Technology Project is
2 administered by Guam CEDDERS on Development Disabilities, University of
3 Guam, that has developed a strong foundation in the development of a
4 comprehensive program of technology-related assistance for individuals with
5 disabilities within our Island; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Guam System for Assistive Techonology Advisory
7 Board is composed of twenty (20) proactive individuals with disabilities,
8 parent, and family members who are selected from among their peers,
9 advocacy organizations, non-profit service providers and government of
10 Guam agency; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in-kind support of the project made an accessible
12 Demonstration and Training Center possible at the establishment, which is
13 located at House #19 Dean's Circle at the University of Guam campus and
14 serves as a clearinghouse for our island through the compilation of an
15 Assistive Technology resource database providing information and referral
16 services, awareness training, computer and internet access, technical
17 assistance, and hands-on demonstration of difference assistive technology
18 devices on display; and

19 **WHEREAS**, collaborative interagency efforts are demonstrated by the
20 joint co-sponsorship of this year's celebration with the Guam Developmental
21 Disabilities Council and Guam Legal Services Corporation; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Guam System for Assistive Technology has promoted
23 the use of assistive technology throughout the community and has seen the

1 positive effects that assistive technology has added to the lives of individuals
2 with disabilities; now therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
5 people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Guam System for Assistive
6 Technology (GSAT) on the occasion of their Eleventh Anniversary
7 Celebration, Friday, March 5, 2005; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
9 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
10 people of Guam, extend its heartfelt appreciation and commendation to the
11 Guam System for Assistive Technology Project's continued commitment
12 towards systems change and advocacy activities; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
14 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislative attest to, the adoption
15 hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. Heidi San
16 Nicolas, Director, Guam CEDDERS; to Michael Terlaje, Assistive Technology
17 Specialist, Guam System for Assistive Technology; to Dr. Helen Whippy, Vice
18 President, Academic Affairs; to Dr. Harold Allen, President, University of Guam;
19 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 2nd DAY
OF April 2005.**

MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature