


I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 47 ^{FC}
(ES)

Introduced by:

Ray Tenorio 

Relative to recognizing the month of April, 2005 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, themed "Safe Children and Healthy Families are a Shared Responsibility", and to honor and extend a *un Dångkolo' na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the employees of the Department of Public Health and Social Services, Bureau of Social Services Administration, Child Protective Services, and other government organizations and volunteers who provide service and care for children throughout the year.

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

WHEREAS, the people of Guam acknowledge that child abuse is a problem felt by the entire island community; and

WHEREAS, the protection of our children must be a priority of all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, approximately three million children nationally and approximately two thousand children locally are reported abused and neglected each year; and

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WHEREAS, efforts to prevent child abuse can be made by schools, day care centers, and other child-serving entities by reporting suspected cases of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, prevention of child abuse and neglect can be promoted through education to children in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, family members and neighbors can also take an active role by reporting children who may be victims of child abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, community support programs that provide education in parenting skills, resources for day-care services, access to home-health visitors, counseling and support networks must be implemented as method of prevention; and

WHEREAS, youth engaged in prevention programs offer positive alternatives for young people and encourage youth to develop strong ties to their community; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services, Bureau of Social Services Administration has partnered with other agencies for education, intervention and prevention of child abuse and neglect; and now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, honor and thank employees of the Department of Public Health and Social Services, Bureau of Social Services Administration and Child Protective Services professionals for the work they perform to provide service and care for children throughout the year; 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 the Department of Public Health & Social Services Child Protective Services Division; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

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

MARK FORBES
Speaker
Executive Committee Chairman

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Senator
Secretary of the Legislature