

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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Relative to recognizing April 2006 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" with the theme "Safe Children and Healthy Families are a 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.

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

2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS, the people of Guam recognize that child abuse and child**

4 **neglect are problems felt by the island community; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, the lives of our precious children must be protected and a
2 priority for all members of the community should be to build a safe and
3 nurturing environment for our children; and

4 **WHEREAS**, while parents' primary responsibility is to provide for their
5 children's well-being, many are not able to do so without assistance; and

6 **WHEREAS**, an estimated two million nine hundred thousand
7 (2,900,000) child welfare reports are made across the nation that represent
8 approximately five million five hundred thousand (5,500,000) children, of
9 which one thousand six hundred thirty-one (1,631) child welfare referrals
10 were made here on Guam in 2005; and

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

14 **WHEREAS**, the best way to prevent child abuse is to provide parents
15 with the skills and resources they need, such as support for new parents,
16 parenting education, early and regular child and family screening and
17 treatment, child care opportunities, programs for abused children, life skills
18 training for children and young adults, family support services and public
19 information and education, all of which play a major role in helping families
20 build a better relationship with their children; and

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

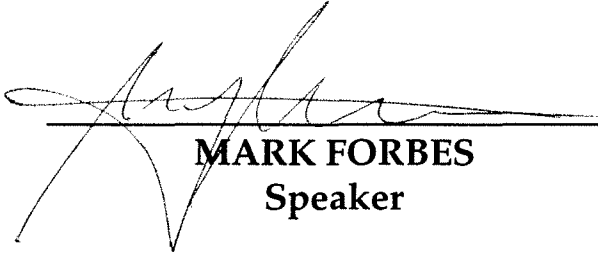
1 **WHEREAS**, our island community joins the nation in recognizing the
2 month of April 2006 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” with the theme,
3 “Safe Children and Healthy Families are a Shared Responsibility”; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
6 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the employees of Bureau of Social
7 Services Administration and Child Protective Services Division of the
8 Department of Public Health and Social Services, and volunteers of
9 community-based organizations who provide services and care for children;
10 and be it further


11 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
12 on behalf of the people of Guam, encourage all residents, community-based
13 and faith-based organizations, medical facilities and business entities to
14 increase awareness and participate in efforts to prevent child abuse and
15 neglect, thereby strengthening the community in which we live; and be it
16 further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
18 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
19 thereafter transmitted to the Bureau of Social Services Administration of the
20 Department of Public Health and Social Services; to the Child Protective
21 Services Division of the Department of Public Health and Social Services; and
22 to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 18TH DAY OF APRIL 2006.



MARK FORBES
Speaker



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