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

Resolution No. 197 (LS)

As amended.

Introduced by:

Ray Tenorio L. F. Kasperbauer <u>Edward J.B. Calvo</u> F. B. Aguon, Jr. J. M.S. Brown B. J.F. Cruz Mike Cruz Mark Forbes R. Klitzkie J. A. Lujan A. B. Palacios, Sr. R. J. Respicio A. R. Unpingco J. T. Won Pat

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's Child Support Enforcement Division for their continued hard work and dedication to the children of Guam.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN 2 GUÅHAN:

- 3 **WHEREAS**, the Office of the Attorney General Child Support 4 Enforcement Division's theme 'Love Your Kids' emphasizes the government's
- 5 commitment to protect and serve our children; and

1 WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General Child Support 2 Enforcement Division's mission is to offer a support system for custodial and 3 non-custodial parents and encourage them to provide financial and 4 unconditional care for Guam's children; and

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5 WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General Child Support 6 Enforcement Division's automation system was certified by the Federal 7 Government on April 30, 2004, and received One Hundred Ninety-four 8 Thousand Dollars (\$194,000) in penalty refund; and

9 WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General Child Support 10 Enforcement Division uses the New Hire Directory, License Suspension, and 11 Financial Institute Data Match (FIDM) to facilitate the payment of support to a 12 custodial parent to adequately provide for his child; and

13 WHEREAS, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* passed Public Law 28-109, which 14 authorizes the amount of One Hundred Fifty-five Thousand Two Hundred 15 Sixty-two Dollars (\$155,262) to the Office of the Attorney General for the local 16 matching requirement of federal funding to procure new hardware and 17 software to upgrade the child support computer system known as the 'Absent 18 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 negotiate increased visitations for their children'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

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WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General Child Support
 Enforcement Division updates the community by placing inserts in the Pacific
 Daily News to remind custodial parents of their obligation to their children
 who depend on their checks for their food, clothing and shelter; and

5 WHEREAS, with the release of every insert, the Office of the Attorney 6 General Child Support Enforcement Division has recorded an increase in 7 parents making their child support payments; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED,** that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, 9 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the month of September 2006 as 10 'Child Support Awareness Month' with the theme: 'Love Your Kids'; and be it 11 further

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, 13 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the men and women of the Office 14 of the Attorney General Child Support Enforcement Division for their 15 continued hard work and dedication to the children of Guam; 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 Honorable Douglas B. Moylan, Attorney General 20 of Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

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DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I* MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 25^{TH} DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2006.

MARK FORBES Speaker

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