

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

As amended.

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Relative to commending the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council, the Guam Legal Services Corporation Disability Law Center, the 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 "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month."

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN**
2 **GUÅHAN:**
3 **WHEREAS,** March 2005 has been proclaimed "Developmental
4 **Disabilities Awareness Month"** by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*; and

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

5 **WHEREAS**, individuals with developmental disabilities need and use
6 services and support for various aspects of their lives, and said services have
7 been and continue to be provided by professional personnel, service
8 providers, family members, and the community, which increases
9 opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to participate in
10 major life area activities including education, health, recreation,
11 transportation, housing, and other community activities; and

12 **WHEREAS**, through the increased awareness of services available to
13 individuals with developmental disabilities, the lives of our friends with
14 developmental disabilities can be made easier, while those without
15 developmental disabilities can expand their understanding of the needs and
16 challenges that persons with developmental disabilities experience; and

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

20 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council is an
21 organization composed of individuals with developmental disabilities, family
22 members of individuals with developmental disabilities, and service provider
23 representatives. The purpose of the Guam Developmental Disabilities
24 Council is to assure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their
25 families participate in the design of and have access to needed community

1 services, individualized support, and other forms of assistance that promote
2 self determination, independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion in
3 all facets of community life, through culturally adequate programs authorized
4 under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Guam Legal Services Corporation Disability Law Center
6 (GLSCDLC) is a member of the Tri-Agency on developmental disabilities and
7 receives federal funding to serve as the Protection and Advocacy System for
8 Guam. The GLSCDLC is composed of a variety of programs and services
9 designed to protect the rights of individuals with disabilities and are
10 advocates for improved services and supports for individuals with
11 developmental disabilities; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the University of Guam Center for Excellence in
13 Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service (Guam
14 CEDDERS) is a member of the Tri-Agency on developmental disabilities
15 whose mission is to create pathways that enhance, improve, and support the
16 quality of life of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families
17 in partnership with individuals with developmental disabilities and their
18 families, agencies, organizations, and service providers. Guam CEDDERS
19 strives to provide community support and services, training and technical
20 assistance, research, and dissemination under three initiatives including
21 Consumer Leadership and Systems Change, Health, Wellness and Prevention,
22 and Inclusive Communities. Guam CEDDERS is the parent organization for
23 the Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT), which is a program
24 designed to serve as a resource to the community and model center for

1 individuals with disabilities who utilize assistive technology devices and
2 services to improve the quality of their lives; and

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

6 **WHEREAS**, various activities are being coordinated throughout the
7 month of March 2005 to commemorate this auspicious event, including a
8 Christian mass at the Niño Perdido Church in Asan, the 11th Annual GSAT
9 conference on "Assistive Technology," the 11th Annual GSAT Exhibit Fair at
10 the Agana Shopping Center, the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council's
11 2005 Policy Maker Forum, and the 2005 Consumer Workshop; and

12 **WHEREAS**, *Guma' Mami*, a non-profit organization, dedicated to
13 services and supports for individuals with disabilities, in collaboration with
14 the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council and the Guam Council on the
15 Arts and Humanities Agency (CAHA) will coordinate an art exhibit entitled,
16 "On Exhibit: Art by Persons with Disabilities," of works by individuals with
17 disabilities together with established local artists showing the potential of
18 persons with developmental disabilities to excel in the realm of arts; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
21 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and acknowledge the Guam
22 Developmental Disabilities Council, the Guam Legal Services Corporation
23 Disability Law Center, the University of Guam Center for Excellence in
24 Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service, the Guam

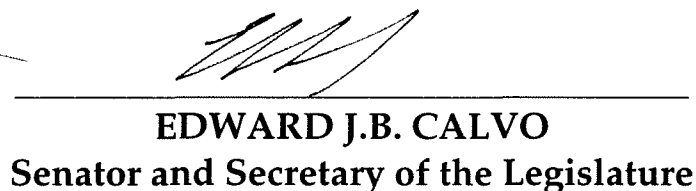
1 System for Assistive Technology, and *Guma' Mami* for their efforts to promote
2 the month of March as "*Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month*"; and
3 be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
5 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
6 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Joseph T. Flores, Executive Director, Guam
7 Developmental Disabilities Council; to Ms. Mildred Shirley Lujan,
8 Chairperson, Guam Developmental Disabilities Council; to Mr. Daniel
9 Somerfleck, Director, Guam Legal Services Corporation Disability Law
10 Center; to Dr. Heidi F. San Nicolas, Director, Guam Center for Excellence on
11 Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Services; to Mr. Michael
12 Terlaje, A.T. Specialist, Guam System for Assistive Technology; to Ms. Monica
13 Limtiaco, Executive Director, *Guma' Mami*; to the Honorable Madeleine Z.
14 Bordallo, Member of Congress, U. S. House of Representatives; and to the
15 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 4TH DAY OF MARCH 2005.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker



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