

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 47 (EC)

As amended.

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the month of April, 2005 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, "Safe Children and Healthy Families are Shared Responsibility", and to honor and extend *un dangkolo' 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.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN**
2 **GUÅHAN:**
3 **WHEREAS,** the people of Guam acknowledge that child abuse is a
4 problem felt by the entire island community; and

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

3 **WHEREAS**, approximately three million (3,000,000) children nationally
4 and approximately two thousand (2,000) children locally are reported abused
5 and neglected each year; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

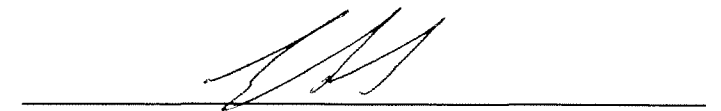
1 **RESOLVED**, the month of April, 2005, is recognized as Child Abuse
2 Prevention Month, "Safe Children and Healthy Families are a Shared
3 Responsibility", and to honor and extend *un dangkolo' na si Yu'os ma'ase'* to the
4 employees of the Department of Public Health and Social Services, Bureau of
5 Social Services Administration, Child Protective Services, and other
6 government organizations and volunteers who provide service and care for
7 children throughout the year; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
9 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
10 thereafter transmitted to the Department of Public Health & Social Services
11 Child Protective Services Division; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
12 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2005.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker



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