

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Resolution No. 203 (LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to expressing the support of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* on the Department of Public Health and Social Services Annual Maternal and Child Health Program with the selected theme: *“Make a Change. Make a Difference.”*

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

3 WHEREAS, the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Task Force will be  
4 celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> year in promoting health, wellness and safety for our families with  
5 this year’s selected theme *“Make a Change. Make a Difference;”* and

6 WHEREAS, Guam’s unique character begins in our homes, where our children  
7 learn proper standards of conduct, values, and the importance of service. Our families  
8 provide children the encouragement, support, and love they need to become confident,  
9 compassionate, and successful members of society. We must work together to  
10 promote and preserve the health and security of our families by upholding the timeless  
11 values that have sustained our people; and

12 WHEREAS, recent events have reminded us of the blessings of family and  
13 friends, and of the importance of faith. As an island community, we have a renewed  
14 dedication to our freedom, our people, and our principles. In our homes, schools,

1 places of worship, workplaces, and civic and social organizations, we must continue  
2 to encourage and provide basic health care for our children, including those with  
3 special needs; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the nurturing and development of our families require investment,  
5 focus, and commitment. Strong families make strong, drug-free communities. We  
6 must take time to develop positive and open relationships with our children. As  
7 parents we must help fight the war on drugs and encourage positive choices. Across  
8 our island, citizens, schools, and civic institutions can assist families by helping to  
9 meet the needs of all those who live in our community. As we work together to  
10 strengthen our families, we will build our Island of hope and opportunity for all; and

11 **WHEREAS**, many of us fondly remember the joys and challenges of childhood  
12 and appreciate the endless sacrifices that our families made to love, protect, and  
13 encourage us as we grew into adulthood. During the Week of November 23 – 29,  
14 2008, we take time as parents and concerned citizens to recognize *Healthy Mothers,*  
15 *Healthy Babies Awareness Week with the theme “Make a Change. Make a*  
16 *Difference.”* and to reaffirm our commitment to nurture and care for them in the best  
17 way possible; now, therefore, be it

18 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
19 urge all members of our island community to commit themselves to supporting  
20 programs and activities to promote the health, wellness and safety of our families; and  
21 be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature  
23 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to  
24 Members of the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Task Force; to the Director of the  
25 Department of Public Health and Social Services; to the Honorable Madeleine Z.  
26 Bordallo, Member of Congress, United States House of Representatives; and to the  
27 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.