

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 18 (LS)

As amended.

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Relative to recognizing April 2007 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" with the theme, "Promoting Healthy Families in Your Community", 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 the volunteers of private organizations that provide services to children.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS,** we acknowledge that child abuse and child neglect are
4 problems on our island, but we emphasize the importance of protecting the

1 lives and dignity of our precious children within a secure and nurturing
2 environment; and

3 **WHEREAS**, it is estimated that three million (3,000,000) child welfare
4 reports involving approximately five million five hundred thousand
5 (5,500,000) children are made annually across the nation, of which one
6 thousand two hundred sixty-seven (1,267) were made here on Guam in 2006;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, most parents are aware of their primary responsibility to
9 provide for their children's well-being, some cannot do so without support
10 from family and community programs; and

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

14 **WHEREAS**, if we as a community encourage parents to use available
15 programs such as: Parenting Education, Child Care Opportunities, Early and
16 Regular Child/Family Screening and Treatment, Support for New Parents,
17 Programs for Abused Children, Family Support Services, Life Skills Training
18 for Children and Young Adults, Public Information and Education,
19 Understanding and Meeting their Child's Emotional, Physical and
20 Developmental Needs, we will help prevent child abuse and start the healing
21 process for those who have already fallen victim; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Child Protective Services Division and the Bureau of
23 Social Services Administration of the Department of Public Health and Social
24 Services encourage private organizations and government agencies to

1 promote education, intervention, and the prevention of abuse and neglect of
2 children; and

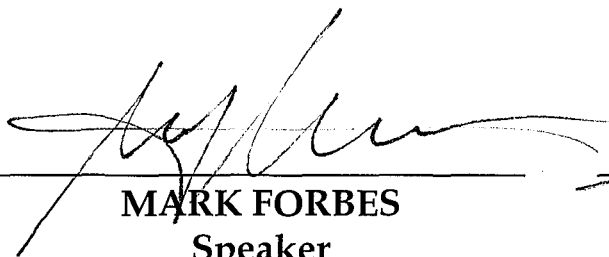
3 **WHEREAS**, Guam should increase its awareness and participation to
4 prevent child abuse and neglect, thereby strengthening our community; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
7 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the month of April 2007 as
8 “Child Abuse Prevention Month” with the theme, “Promoting Healthy
9 Families in Your Community”; and be it further

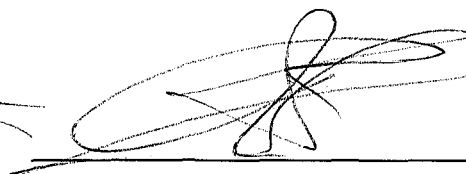
10 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
11 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the employees of the
12 Child Protective Services Division and the Bureau of Social Services
13 Administration of the Department of Public Health and Social Services and
14 the volunteers of private organizations that provide services to children; and
15 be it further

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

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 29TH DAY OF MARCH 2007.



MARK FORBES
Speaker



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature