

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 70

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating *Guma'Mami* on its twenty-six (26) years of service, advocacy and support to adults with intellectual disabilities, mental illness, and other developmental disabilities.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**
2 ***MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS, *Guma'Mami* is a well-known and recognized non-profit**
4 **corporation which has dedicated twenty-six (26) years of its mission to**
5 **support, enhance, and improve the quality for life of persons with disabilities;**
6 **and**

1 **WHEREAS**, *Guma'Mami* appreciates the time and effort of its dedicated
2 staff and mangement; and

3 **WHEREAS**, *Guma'Mami* has received the active participation of its
4 volunteer general membership, including the leadership of Mrs. Connie
5 Duenas, President, and Mr. Robert Hoffmann, Vice-President of the Board of
6 Directors; and

7 **WHEREAS**, *Guma'Mami* has participated in many programs, training
8 sessions, and conferences throughout the years 2006 and 2007 that impacted
9 the delivery and evolution of human services; and

10 **WHEREAS**, *Guma'Mami* continues its leadership role as advisors to *I*
11 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* on policies and systems that affect the lives of persons
12 with disabilities; and

13 **WHEREAS**, *Guma'Mami* is dedicated to its role on the Guam
14 Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC), Department of Integrated
15 Services for Individuals with Disabilities (DISID), Minimum Care
16 Requirements Committee, Guam Center for Excellence in Developmental
17 Disabilities, Education, Research and Service (Guam CEDDERS), Guam
18 System for Assistive Technology (GSAT) Advisory Council, Guam Mental
19 Health Planning Council, the Public Guardian Review Board and many other
20 similar resource councils; and

21 **WHEREAS**, *Guma'Mami* was awarded funding by the Governor's
22 Community Outreach Federal Programs Office, Office of the Governor in
23 Fiscal Year 2007 through a grant project entitled, "*STOP Violence Against*
24 *Women Program*" pursuant to the "*Violence Against Women Act*,"
25 encouraging the prevention and awareness of domestic violence, providing,

1 legal services to victims and training law enforcement agencies assists victims;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, in the past year, *Guma'Mami* provided essential case
4 management services, support groups, peer counseling services, and
5 educational workshops to women with disabilities and seniors who are
6 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, and educational
7 classes for adults with disabilities; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in March 2006, *Guma'Mami*, through a grant from the Guam
9 Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency (CAHA) funded by the National
10 Endowment for the Arts (NEA), in collaboration with the GDDC, by
11 presenting "On Exhibit 2006: Art by Persons with Disabilities," an exhibit of
12 art work by individuals with disabilities and established local artists to
13 demonstrate the potential of persons with disabilities to excel in the arts; and

14 **WHEREAS**, *Guma'Mami* has positively affected individuals with
15 developmental disabilities and mental illness through its housing support
16 programs, which include the Mary Clare Home, the Independent Group
17 Home, and *Guma'Isa*; and

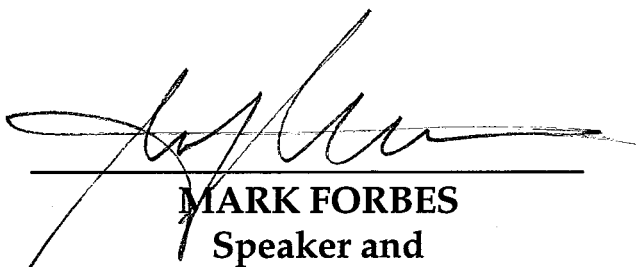
18 **WHEREAS**, *Guma'Mami* coordinates training for consumers, family
19 members and staff, to include a Staff Development/Retreat and Learning
20 Opportunities for Consumers and Families workshop; and

21 **WHEREAS**, *Guma'Mami* has established various creative fundraising initiatives
22 to provide financial support to consumers with disabilities, to include "Poetry Without
23 Limits", which will feature the poetry of consumers and advocates; now, therefore,
24 be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
2 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the
3 people of Guam, commend and congratulate the staff, management and
4 Board of Directors of *Guma'Mami* for their dedication and service to the
5 community of Guam; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
7 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
8 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Connie
9 Duenas; to the Board of Directors of *Guma'Mami*; to Mrs. Monica Flores
10 Limtiaco, Executive Director of *Guma'Mami*; to the Department of Integrated
11 Services for Individuals with Disabilities; to the Department of Mental Health
12 and Substance Abuse; to the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority; to
13 the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council; to the Guam Council of the
14 Arts and Humanities Agency; to the Governor's Community Outreach
15 Federal Programs Office; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen*
16 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 17TH
DAY OF MAY 2007.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature