

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to commending and congratulating the cast, the parents, *I Famagu'on-ta (Our Children)*, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Child-Adolescent Services Division staff, Youth Enhancement Supports, (Y.E.S.) Inc., and Mr. Ernest Ochoco for their hard work, dedication and commitment in the production of *I Famagu'on-ta's "Fidgety Fairy Tales"*.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN**
2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS,** *I Famagu'on-ta* is a Child Mental Health Initiative funded
4 by the Federal Government with seed money to help Guam develop and
5 sustain a System of Care for children and youth with severe mental health
6 needs and their families; and

7 **WHEREAS,** the mission of *I Famagu'on-ta*, Guam's System of Care is
8 to improve the mental health and daily life functioning of children with
9 Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED) and maintain the child and family
10 system within the home and community setting; and

11 **WHEREAS,** System of Care is a comprehensive array of mental
12 health, and other necessary services and support, organized into a
13 coordinated network to meet the many needs of children and adolescents
14 with severe mental health needs and their families. System of Care
15 involves child service agencies, which include the Department of
16 Education, the Department of Youth Affairs, the Department of Public
17 Health and Social Services-Child Protective System, the Department of
18 Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the Guam Police Department, the
19 Department of Integrated Service for Individuals with Disabilities, and the
20 Guam Juvenile Court - Juvenile Probation, and with private providers and
21 families partnering to improve children, youth and their family's lives; and

22 **WHEREAS,** *I Famagu'on-ta* establishes a full array of mental health
23 and support services in order to meet the clinical and functional needs of

1 its "Target Population", the entire population of Guam, to identify the
2 numbers, prevalence and incidences of Serious Emotional Disturbances.
3 These services consist of, but are not limited to: Individualized Wrap
4 Coordination, Out-Patient Services, Counseling, Crisis Response Services,
5 Day Treatment, Home-Based Services, Respite Care, Transition Services,
6 Flex Funds, twenty-four (24) hour Therapeutic Group Home, and
7 Treatment Foster Care; and

8 **WHEREAS**, "Fidgety Fairy Tales" is a Mental Health Musical Play to
9 promote mental health awareness and to break the stigma of mental illness
10 in our island community. The play involves three (3) childrens' stories:
11 *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Sleeping Handsome (Beauty)*, and *Rapunzel*. The main
12 characters struggle with a particular mental health condition-Attention-
13 Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Depression and Anxiety, but find
14 ways through the play to address their challenges; and

15 **WHEREAS**, "Fidgety Fairy Tales" was developed by the Minnesota
16 Association for Children's Mental Health and was made possible, in part,
17 by funds provided by the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council from an
18 appropriation by the Minnesota Legislature and with funds provided by St.
19 Paul STAR Program's Cultural STAR Project, financed in part by the
20 Cultural Sales Tax Revitalization Program in 2008. The play is written by
21 Matt Jenson, with music and lyrics by Marya Hart. This is the first time
22 ever that the play is performed outside of the state of Minnesota, the first
23 time ever to be performed in Guam, and the first time ever that the

1 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Child-Adolescent
2 Services Division and *I Famagu'on-ta* have produced a play; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the script and the performance royalties for the musical
4 play to be performed on Guam, under the directorship of Mr. Ernest
5 Ochoco, were purchased by a friend of *I Famagu'on-ta*. “Fidgety Fairy
6 Tales” is co-sponsored by *I Famagu'on-ta* and Youth Enhancement
7 Supports, (Y.E.S.) Inc., a non-profit organization supporting youth with
8 mental health challenges and their families, and is funded in part by the
9 Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency through a grant award for the
10 Healing Arts Project; and

11 **WHEREAS**, “Fidgety Fairy Tales” is a social marketing tool that *I*
12 *Famagu'on-ta* uses to educate, encourage and enlighten the community
13 through story, music and dance. This makes the information about mental
14 health challenges less stigmatizing, and it promotes a community
15 (sponsors and donors) coming together as a group to support children and
16 youth with mental health challenges; and

17 **WHEREAS**, *I Famagu'on-ta* and Youth Enhancement Supports, (Y.E.S.)
18 Inc. have been blessed to acquire such a large number of talented youth
19 and adults interested in supporting their cause. The cast members,
20 throughout the rehearsals, have gained information on the struggles of
21 children and people suffering from ADHD, Depression and Anxiety
22 through the characters that they play, and have already spread some

1 awareness. "Fidgety Fairy Tales" is a morale booster, especially for the
2 young performers; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the cast of the play is made up of mostly young people
4 who worked hard, even during school nights to make "Fidgety Fairy
5 Tales" a reality. The dedication of the parents, and *I Famagu'on-ta/Child-*
6 *Adolescent Services Division* staff, and Youth Enhancement Supports,
7 (Y.E.S.) Inc. are to be commended and this resolution is a validation of
8 everyone's commitment and hard work in bringing awareness to the
9 public that children's mental health matters; now, therefore, be it

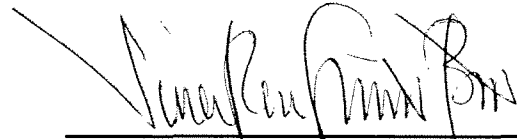
10 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
11 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the cast, the
12 parents, *I Famagu'on-ta (Our Children)* Child-Adolescent Services Division
13 staff and Youth Enhancement Supports, (Y.E.S.) Inc. for their hard work,
14 dedication and commitment in the production of *I Famagu'on-ta's "Fidgety*
15 *Fairy Tales"*, and does further extend to them a sincere *Un Dângkolo Na Si*
16 *Yu'os Ma'åse'* for their outstanding contributions for the betterment of our
17 Island Community and our children with special needs; does hereby; and
18 be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
20 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
21 transmitted to *I Famagu'on-ta (Our Children)*; to the Department of Mental
22 Health and Substance About Child-Adolescent Services Division staff; and
23 to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2009.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary