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RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING ALL THE PROFESSIONAL CHILD CAREGIVERS ON GUAM ON THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CHILDREN AND CONGRATULATING THEM AS THEY CELEBRATE CHILD CAREGIVERS APPRECIATION WEEK WITH THIS YEAR'S THEME OF "SUCCESS BEYOND IMAGINATION: MANAGING THE ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUNG CHILDREN".

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

3 WHEREAS, one of our most valuable and precious island resource is
4 our youngest population, the children of Guam; and

5 WHEREAS, national studies have shown repeatedly that quality child
6 care and education leads to higher school achievement, lower drop-out rates,
7 fewer behavior and discipline problems, and cost savings to school districts
8 and communities; and

1 **WHEREAS**, quality child care promotes the well- being of children and
2 responds to the needs of parents and the broader community by supporting
3 quality of life so that citizens can fully participate in and contribute to the
4 economic and social life of their island community; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Guam Child Caregiver Appreciation Week is a time set
6 aside to educate the public, and parents in particular, about the competent
7 adults who provide a safe, healthy, enriched programs for the children who
8 will become the citizens of tomorrow; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Guam Child Caregiver Appreciation Week is time
10 dedicated to our island community to celebrate the commitment of
11 professional child caregivers, individuals who have made the important
12 decision and the necessary commitment to teach and care for young children
13 as their primary profession; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the need for quality programs for young children is intense
15 and increasing as parents see the need and value of good day care programs,
16 where children can flourish in an environment with interested, responsive
17 adults who are able to teach, understand, and care for them; and

18 **WHEREAS**, providing quality child care for young children is only one
19 way that child care providers enhance the well being of families. Parents who
20 know that their children are well cared for feel more confident and have more
21 peace of mind while they work. Child care providers also support parents
22 directly by offering a rich background of experience and practical knowledge

1 on handling expected issues inherent in everyday child development. It is for
2 these above stated reasons, and so much more that we rightly celebrate these
3 often unsung heroes; now, therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan*, on behalf of the
5 people of Guam, recognizes all the professional child caregivers on Guam for
6 their numerous outstanding contributions to the well being of our children
7 and congratulate them as they celebrate Guam Child Care Appreciation
8 Week; and

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of
10 the Committee on Rules certify, and the Secretary of I Liheslaturan attest to,
11 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
12 Geri Unpingco, President; Jana Mendiola, Vice-President; Joaquin Rivera,
13 Treasurer; Julie Rivera, Auditor; and, Mary McKay, Secretary; - all officers of
14 the Guam Child Care and Development Association; to Dr. Marilyn Jackson,
15 founder, Charter President, and Advisor of the Guam Child Care and
16 Development Association; to the Honorable Madeline Z. Bordallo, Guam's
17 Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P.
18 Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guahan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF _____
2009.**

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

Tina Rose Muña-Barnes
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature