

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing and commending the Child-Adolescent Services Division of the Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse and *I Famagu'on-ta*, Guam's System of Care, for providing quality mental health care to our children, especially during "National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week" , from May 2 to May 8, 2009.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS**, addressing the complex emotional and behavioral mental
4 health needs of children, youth, and families is fundamental to establishing a
5 healthy society; and the need for comprehensive, coordinated mental health
6 services for our community, especially our children, calls for a cooperative effort
7 between our leaders, policy makers, child-serving agencies and our community-
8 at-large; and

9 **WHEREAS**, children and youth with mental health challenges, and their
10 families, deserve access to services and support that is family-driven, youth-
11 guided and culturally appropriate; and

12 **WHEREAS**, an individual's mental health is essential to his/her overall
13 health and well being; and serious emotional and mental health disorders in
14 children and youth are real and treatable; and

15 **WHEREAS**, early diagnosis and appropriate treatment of mental health
16 disorders among children and adolescents provide them better opportunities
17 to lead full and productive lives; but it is important that children and
18 adolescents, along with their families and the community, learn about the
19 warning signs of mental health disorders and where to obtain necessary
20 assistance and treatment; and

21 **WHEREAS**, for the past five (5) years, over seven hundred (700)
22 children and youth have been referred to the Child-Adolescent Services

1 Division for Mental Health Services; six hundred fifty-three (653) of these
2 referrals were for *I Famagu'on-ta*, a Child Mental Health Initiative for children
3 and youth suffering from severe mental health conditions and in need of
4 multiple mental health and related services; and

5 **WHEREAS**, *I Famagu'on-ta*, Guam's System of Care, through its unique
6 strength and solution-based, culturally competent, child-centered, and family-
7 driven wraparound approach to serving children and adolescents, is
8 effectively caring for the mental health needs of children, youth and families
9 in our community; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in celebrating "National Children's Mental Health
11 Awareness Week" – also, "Green Ribbon Week" – it is fitting to increase
12 public awareness of this issue among all of Guam's residents, in an attempt to
13 diminish the stigma associated with mental illness; now, therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
15 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
16 people of Guam, recognize and commend the Child-Adolescent Services
17 Division of the Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse and *I*
18 *Famagu'on-ta*, Guam's System of Care, for providing quality mental health
19 care to our children, especially during "National Children's Mental Health
20 Awareness Week", from May 2 to May 8, 2009; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
22 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and

1 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Annie F.B. Unpingco,
2 Administrator, Child-Adolescent Services Division, Department of Mental
3 Health & Substance Abuse; to Bernadita Grajek, Event Coordinator, *I*
4 *Famagu'on-ta*, Guam's System of Care; to Dr. David L.G. Shimizu, Director,
5 Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse; and to the Honorable Felix
6 P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS 1ST DAY OF
MAY, 2009.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.

Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO

Chairperson, Committee on Rules



RORY J. RESPICIO
Acting Legislative Secretary