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Relative to commending all the professional child caregivers on Guam, and the Guam Child Care and Development Association (GCCDA), on their outstanding contributions to our children, and to congratulating them as they celebrate Child Caregivers Appreciation Week, "Beyond Quality Care: Promoting Healthy Behaviors In 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

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

13 **WHEREAS**, since its inception in 1992, the Guam Child Care and
14 Development Association (GCCDA) has dedicated itself to improving the
15 lives of children and families on Guam through its focus on child
16 development and the acknowledgement of the parents, teachers, caregivers
17 and stakeholders who ensure the continuing growth and development of
18 Guam's children; and

19 **WHEREAS**, this year's theme, "Beyond Quality Care: Promoting
20 Healthy Behaviors in Young Children," tackles an important issue for the
21 island and the nation as childhood obesity has tripled in the last thirty (30)

1 years. Many people in our island community battle health conditions such as
2 high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, type 2 diabetes, certain cancers, and
3 heart disease; and

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

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

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

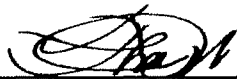
17 **WHEREAS**, providing quality child care for young children is only one
18 way that child care providers enhance the well-being of families. Parents who
19 know that their children are well cared for feel more confident and have peace
20 of mind while they are at work. Child care providers also support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

1 the above stated reasons, and many more, that we rightly celebrate these often
2 unsung heroes; now, therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby on
4 behalf of the people of Guam, commend all the professional child caregivers
5 on Guam for their numerous outstanding contributions to the well-being of
6 our children, and does congratulate them as they celebrate Guam Child Care
7 Appreciation Week; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
9 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
10 transmitted to the Officers of the Guam Child Care and Development
11 Association; to Ross White, President; to Maria Blas, Vice President; to Melissa
12 Johnson, Treasurer; to Kin Rivera, Auditor; to Rose White, Secretary; and to
13 Dr. Marilyn Jackson, founder, Charter President, and Advisor of the Guam
14 Child Care and Development Association; and to the Honorable Felix P.
15 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 15TH DAY OF MARCH 2010.



JUDITH T. WONPAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Legislative Secretary