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Resolution No. 74(LS)

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Relative to recognizing the month of April 2009 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” with the theme, “Focusing on the Future: Strengthening Families and Communities” and commending the employees of Government and Non-Government agencies and volunteers of private organizations for providing care and services to victims.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'**
2 **TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS,** Child Abuse Prevention Month is aimed at bringing to light
4 the abuse and neglect suffered by children and the need to provide programs
5 to prevent child abuse and to assist parents and families affected by child
6 maltreatment; and

7 **WHEREAS,** there was a total of 1,176 referrals of suspected abuse made
8 in 2008 to Child Protective Services involving 1,975 children with a total of 197
9 children in foster care; and

1 **WHEREAS**, most cases of child abuse are never reported, and children
2 endure the pain and suffering in silence waiting to be saved; and

3 **WHEREAS**, families are regarded as a central and integral part of a
4 child’s safety and well-being, some families with limited resources or those
5 facing additional challenges have a greater need for support and assistance;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, Child Protective Services under the Bureau of Social
8 Services Administration, of the Division of Public Welfare, Department of
9 Public Health and Social Services is responsible for receiving and
10 investigating reports of child abuse and neglect; providing protective services
11 to safeguard and ensure the child’s well-being, executing protective custody if
12 necessary; preserving and stabilizing the family whenever appropriate;
13 providing direct services to support families in addressing the problems that
14 led to maltreatment and reducing the risk of future abuse; coordinating
15 services provided by other professionals; developing individualized case
16 plans and monitoring the progress of the case; attending court hearings;
17 participating in case reviews and treatment team meetings; and educating the
18 community about child abuse and neglect and its prevention; and

19 **WHEREAS**, child abuse prevention programs succeed at the community
20 level because of partnerships forged among families, social service agencies,
21 schools, religious and civic organizations, and law enforcement agencies; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Child Protective Services joins forces with many agencies
2 on island in its efforts to protect children and strengthen families, including
3 but not limited to: Guam Police Department, Guam Memorial Hospital
4 Authority, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Mental Health and
5 Substance Abuse, Guam Public School System, Department of Youth Affairs,
6 Superior Court of Guam, Department of Integrated Services for Individuals
7 with Disabilities, Navy Fleet and Family Support Center and Andersen Air
8 Force Base Family Advocacy Program, Catholic Social Services, Sanctuary
9 Incorporated, Erica’s House, and Victims Advocates Reaching Out; and

10 **WHEREAS**, we acknowledge the negative effects of child abuse and
11 child neglect and take responsibility by supporting parents to raise their
12 children in a safe and nurturing environment, thereby strengthening the
13 communities in which we live; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Guam joins the Nation in recognizing the month of April
15 2009 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” and celebrating with the theme
16 “Focusing on the Future: Strengthening Families and Communities”; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’ Trenta Na*
19 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
20 people of Guam, commend the employees of Child Protective Services
21 Program of the Bureau of Social Services Administration, of the Division of
22 Public Welfare, Department of Public Health and Social Services and the

1 volunteers of private organizations for their efforts in the prevention of child
2 abuse and neglect and for the services they provide to children; and be it
3 further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
5 Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
6 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Child
7 Protective Services Program, under the Bureau of Social Services
8 Administration, Division of Public Welfare, of the Department of Public
9 Health and Social Services; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
10 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ____ DAY
OF _____ 2009.**

Judith Won-Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

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