



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."*

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

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

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

WHEREAS, System of Care is a comprehensive array of mental health and other necessary services and supports organized into a coordinated network to meet the many needs of children and adolescents with severe mental health needs and their families. System of Care is about child serving agencies to include the Department of Education, Department of Youth Affairs, Department of Public Health and Social Services-Child Protective System, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Guam Police Department, Department of Integrated Service for Individuals with Disabilities, Guam Juvenile Court - Juvenile Probation, private providers and families partnering to improve children, youth and their family's lives; and

WHEREAS, *I Famagu'on-ta* establishes a full array of mental health and support services in order to meet the clinical and functional needs of its "Target Population", the entire population of Guam to identify the number of prevalence and incidence of Serious Emotional Disturbances. These service consist of, but is not limited to: Individualized Wrap Coordination, Out-Patient Services, Counseling, Crisis Response Services, Day Treatment, Home-Based Services, Respite Care, Transition Services, Flex Funds, 24 hour Therapeutic Group Home, **and** Treatment Foster Care; and

WHEREAS, "Fidgety Fairy Tales" is a Mental Health Musical Play to promote mental health awareness and to break the stigma of mental illness in our island community. The play involves three children's stories; Little Red

Riding Hood, Sleeping Handsome (Beauty) and Rapunzel. The main characters struggle with a particular mental health condition - Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Depression and Anxiety but find ways through the play to address their challenges; and

WHEREAS, “Fidgety Fairy Tales” was developed by the Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health and was made possible, in part, by funds provided by the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council from an appropriation by the Minnesota Legislature and with funds provided by St Paul STAR Program's Cultural STAR Project, financed in part by the Cultural Sales Tax Revitalization Program in 2008. The play is written by Matt Jenson and music and lyrics by Marya Hart. This is the first time ever that the play is taken out of the state of Minnesota and the first time ever to be performed in Guam, and the first time ever for the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Child-Adolescent Services Division and *I Famagu'on-ta* to produce a play; and

WHEREAS, the scripts and Performance royalty for the musical play to be performed on Guam under the directorship of Mr. Ernest Ochoco was purchased by a friend of *I Famagu'on-ta*. “Fidgety Fairy Tales” is co-sponsored by *I Famagu'on-ta* and Youth Enhancement Supports, (Y.E.S.) Inc., a non-profit organization supporting youth with mental health challenges and their families, and is funded in part by the Council on Arts and Humanities Agency

through a grant award for the Healing Arts Project; and

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

WHEREAS, *I Famagu'onta* and Youth Enhancement Supports, (Y.E.S.) Inc. has been blessed to acquire such a large number of talented youth and adults interested in supporting their cause. The cast members throughout the rehearsal days have gained information on the struggles of children and people suffering from ADHD, Depression and Anxiety through the characters that they play. We have spread some awareness already. “Fidgety Fairy Tales” is a morale booster especially for the young performers; and

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of *I Liheslatura* attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to *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., Mr. Ernest Ochoco and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.