

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 307-30 (LS)

Introduced by:

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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 CONGRATULATING THEM AS THEY CELEBRATE CHILD CAREGIVERS APPRECIATION WEEK, "BEYOND QUALITY CARE: PROMOTING HEALTHY BEHAVIORS IN YOUNG CHILDREN.

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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

1 quality of life so that citizens can fully participate in and contribute to the
2 economic and social life of their island community; and

3 **WHEREAS**, since its inception in 1992, the Guam Child Care and
4 Development Association (GCCDA) has dedicated itself to improving the
5 lives of children and families on Guam through their focus on child
6 development and the acknowledgement of the parents, teachers, caregivers
7 and stakeholders who ensure the continuing growth and development of
8 Guam’s children; and

9 **WHEREAS**, this year’s theme, “Beyond Quality Care: Promoting
10 Healthy Behaviors in Young Children,” tackles an important issue for the
11 island and the nation as childhood obesity has tripled in the last 30 years.
12 Many people in our island community battle health conditions such as high
13 blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, type 2 diabetes, certain cancers, and
14 heart disease; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Guam Child Caregiver Appreciation Week is a time to set
16 aside to educate the public, and parents in particular, about the professional
17 adults who provide safe, healthy, enriched programs for the children who will
18 become the citizens of tomorrow; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Guam Child Caregiver Appreciation Week is a time
20 dedicated to our island community to celebrate the commitment of
21 professional child givers, and individuals who have made the important

1 decision and the necessary commitment to teach and care for young children
2 as their primary profession; and

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

7 **WHEREAS**, providing quality child care for young children is only one
8 way that child care providers enhance the well being of families. Parents who
9 know that their children are well cared feel more confident and have peace of
10 mind while they are at work. Child care providers also support parents
11 directly by offering a rich background of experience and practical knowledge
12 on handling expected issues inherent in everyday child development. It is for
13 these above stated reasons, and so much more that we rightly celebrate these
14 often unsung heroes; now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the
16 people of Guam, commend all professional child caregivers on Guam for their
17 numerous outstanding contributions to the well being of our children and
18 congratulate them as they celebrate Guam Child Care Appreciation Week;
19 and be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of *I Liheslatura*
21 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
22 transmitted to Ross White, President, Maria Blas, Vice President; Melissa

1 Johnson, Treasurer; Kin Rivera, Auditor; and Rose White, Secretary; officers of
2 the Guam Child Care and Development Association; to Dr. Marilyn Jackson,
3 founder, Charter President, and Advisor of the Guam Child Care and
4 Development Association; to the Honorable Madeline Z. Bordallo, Guam's
5 Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P.
6 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2010.

JUDITH T. WONPAT, EdD
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Secretary of the Legislature