

Resolution No. 164-37 (LS)

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**Relative to recognizing the observance of the Office of the Attorney General's "Love Your Kids Month" during the month of August 2023; and commending them for promoting the importance of both custodial and non-custodial parents providing financial, physical, educational, and emotional support for their children.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**

**WHEREAS**, August 2023 is recognized nationally as "Child Support Awareness Month"; and the Office of the Attorney General's (OAG) "Love Your Kids" program involves custodial and non-custodial parents providing all forms of support for their children to help them succeed in life; and

**WHEREAS**, the OAG's "Love Your Kids" program relies upon the premise that both parents naturally want their children to be as strong and well-adjusted as humanly possible, and to also be better than the parents were in life; and

**WHEREAS**, the OAG's role in protecting Guam's children involves not just protecting them against harm, but also ensuring that the children receive as much financial and emotional support that both parents can provide to their children; and

**WHEREAS**, love is the foundation upon which Guam's children will grow and flourish into being its future leaders, entrepreneurs, teachers, business people, parents, and overall good, productive, and law-abiding citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, although part of the OAG's duty is to apply the child support guidelines to both parents to provide for Guam's children's bare minimum financial resources that they need to live, the OAG has also implemented the "Love Your Kids" program that encourages both parents to give more than a bare minimum to their children so that their kids can truly succeed in life; and

**WHEREAS**, having both parents in a child's life is infinitely better than depriving the child of one or both of their parents in order to socialize their child, thereby helping their child understand where they come from, who they are, and help them discover the gifts and talents that they have; and

**WHEREAS**, the OAG's Access and Visitation Program supplements the resources available to both custodial and non-custodial parents to focus on their children, such as sharing custody and spending actual time with their children, and not just the money needed to raise their children; and

**WHEREAS**, I Liheslaturan Guåhan fully supports the OAG in their efforts to unite custodial and non-custodial parents under the common and shared goal of helping their children to succeed; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the observance of the Office of the Attorney General's "Love Your Kids Month," during the month of August 2023; and commend them for promoting the importance of both custodial and non-custodial parents providing financial, physical, educational, and emotional support for their children; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Douglas B. Moylan, Attorney General of Guam, and the Office of the Attorney General; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Maga'hågan Guåhan.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 2023.**

  
THERESE M. TERLAJE  
Speaker

  
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Legislative Secretary

