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

## Resolution No. 438-30 (LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating the Latte Treatment Center on being awarded full accreditation by the Joint Commission.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN
GUAHÅN:

3 WHEREAS, the Latte Treatment Center has been providing

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residential group home services for adolescents and adults with cognitive
disabilities since June 2005 and March 2008, respectively, on behalf of the
Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse, and the Department of
Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, after a successful five (5) year concerted effort, the Latte 6 Treatment Center has been awarded full accreditation by the Joint 7 Commission for a three (3) year term; and

8 WHEREAS, after being weighed against a set of national standards 9 by a Joint Commission Surveyor experienced in the delivery of behavioral 10 health care services, the Joint Commission has now recognized the 11 technical expertise of the staff, and the quality of the services provided by 12 the Latte Treatment Center; and

WHEREAS, as a service provider that meets national standards, the services provided by the Latte Treatment Center facilitates the compliance of the Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse relative to the Permanent Injunction ordered pursuant to the U.S. District Court Civil Case CIV 01-00041; and

WHEREAS, the services provided by the Latte Treatment Center have significantly minimized the number of off-island referrals for treatment, as well as reducing the average treatment time, from two (2) or three (3) years off-island, to one (1) year with on-island treatment, which keeps families united and allows for the training of parents and family members; and

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WHEREAS, the people of Guam are benefiting from a significant
improvement in the quality of behavioral health care services on Guam, as
well as realizing a major financial savings; and

4 WHEREAS, the Latte Treatment Center also serves as a practicum 5 site for the University of Guam graduate and under-graduate students 6 studying clinical psychology, social work and counseling, thereby 7 increasing the number of health care professionals on Guam, and 8 improving their technical competence; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, 10 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the 11 management and staff of the Latte Treatment Center, in recognition of their 12 significant accomplishment in achieving full accreditation by the Joint 13 Commission for a period of three (3) years; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter 15 16 transmitted to the Latte Treatment Center; to the Director, Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse; to the Director, Department of 17 Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities; to the Director, 18 19 Department of Youth Affairs; to Plaintiffs' Attorney, U.S. District Court Civil Case CIV 01-00041; to Defendants' Attorney, U.S. District Court Civil 20 21 Case CIV 01-00041; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen 22 Guåhan.

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DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2010.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker TINĂ ŘO\$E MUNA BARNES Legislative Secretary