I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 217 30 (COP)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the week of October 17-25, 2009 as "Red Ribbon Campaign Week" and encouraging the people of Guam to support activities that raises awareness and encourages prevention of substance abuse.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I

- MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:
- WHEREAS, alcohol and other drug abuse in our island and the Nation 3
- has reached an epidemic proportions. As an Island community we value the 4
- health and safety of all our citizens, especially Guam's youth. Today we face 5
- many challenges as we try to protect our people from the ongoing battle of 6
- 7 substance abuse; and

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- 8 WHEREAS, substance abuse, either through the use of drugs or alcohol,
- not only has a negative effect on individuals, families, businesses, and schools, 9

- 1 but is a contributing factor in the three leading causes of death among
- 2 adolescence accidents, homicides, suicide; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, recognizing the seriousness of this threat, concerned
- 4 individuals initiated the first "Red Ribbon Campaign" in 1986. This
- 5 grassroots effort emphasized education and the importance of instructing
- 6 children and teenagers about the dangers of drug and alcohol use. Since then,
- 7 significant progress has been made in reducing drug and alcohol abuse
- 8 among Guam's young adults; and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, Guam's participation in this national effort was started by
- 10 the Dededo Drug-Free Organization (now know as Youth For Youth LIVE!
- 11 Guam) in 1988; and
- 12 WHEREAS, with this year's theme "Drug-Free is the Key", a wide
- 13 variety of activities have been planned to include a poster contest open to all
- 14 students on Guam and various drug awareness presentations conducted by
- 15 coalition members at our schools. These events are made possible by the Red
- 16 Ribbon Campaign Committee comprised of the U.S. Drug Enforcement
- 17 Agency, Guam Chamber of Commerce, KUAM, Guam National Guard
- 18 Counterdrug Program, the Pacific Daily News, Judiciary of Guam Juvenile

Drug Court , the U.S. Attorney's Office, Guam Police Department, 1 Department of Defense Education Activity, Department of Education, and all 2 3 other public and private schools, Guam Fire Department, Department of 4 Youth Affairs, Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse - Prevention and Training Branch (the Governor's PEACE Project), Sanctuary Incorporated 5 6 of Guam, Island Girl Power, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam, the Marianas 7 Variety, Office of the Governor of Guam, Mayors' Council of Guam, Guam Customs & Quarantine, U.S. District Court, Youth For Youth LIVE! Guam, 8 9 Commander, Naval Base Guam, Sorensen Media Group, Marianas Business 10 Journal (Glimpses) [Guam Business News], and the Agana Shopping Center. This awareness effort, aimed towards Guam's community, is a chance to 11 further our mission's desire for a drug-free community.; and 12 WHEREAS, it is the goal of this "Red Ribbon Campaign" to involve 13 14 families, schools, business, churches, law enforcement agencies and service organizations in all aspects of this campaign and establish an atmosphere that 15 supports awareness, education and on-going initiatives to prevent illegal drug 16 17 use; and

WHEREAS, on the occasion of "Red Ribbon Week," I Mina Trenta Na
Liheslaturan Guåhan encourages all residents to consider ways to participate in
this important effort. As we build upon the successes of the past, we
strengthen the Guam of tomorrow, and with strong resolve and creative
leadership, protect our community from the preventable dangers of alcohol,

tobacco and other drug abuse; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby recognize October 17-25, 2009 as "Red Ribbon Campaign Week" and encourage the people of Guam to support activities that raise awareness of the cause and encourage prevention of substance abuse by wearing a red ribbon throughout the week in recognition of their commitment to a healthy, drugfree lifestyle and our commitment as a whole to be a drug-free Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the members of the Red Ribbon Campaign Committee; to the Mayors' Council of Guam, to the Honorable Madeleine Z.

Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the
Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

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

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Speaker

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Legislative Secretary

Chairperson, Committee on Rules