


MINA'TRENTAI UNO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and commending the practitioners and participants who contribute to the success of the Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts on Guam, which has resulted in the significant reduction in the use of illegal substances and criminal activities related to drug dependency; to extending a *Dangkolo' na si Yu'os ma'ase'* for their tremendous service to the community; and to joining them in celebrating May 2011 as "Drug Court Month".

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

1 **WHEREAS**, nationally, drug courts have proven to be a successful solution to
2 budgetary concerns that benefit all facets of society through the provision of necessary
3 services and activities, which has helped to further reduce and eliminate drug use and
4 dependency; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Drug Courts are an essential component of the national and local
6 justice systems which save a tremendous amount of criminal justice resources and help to
7 return individuals to their communities as productive, tax paying citizens; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Drug Courts serve as an effective tool in the criminal justice system and
9 help to avoid limited public funds from being spent on costly, and sometimes ineffective
10 services, which ultimately helps to reduce drug-related crimes; and

11 **WHEREAS**, results of more than 100 program evaluations and at least four meta-
12 analytic studies have yielded definitive evidence that Drug Courts significantly improve

1 substance abuse treatment outcomes, substantially reduce drug abuse and related crimes,
2 and do so at a cost less than that of any other Court strategy; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Drug Courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together
4 public safety and public health professionals in the fight against the distribution and use of
5 illegal substances; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Drug Court movement has grown from the twelve (12) original
7 Drug Courts in 1994 to two thousand five hundred (2,500) operational Drug Courts, further
8 emphasizing the tremendous successes in these courts in their effort to address drug use
9 and dependency in communities throughout the nation; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the time has come to put a Drug Court within reach of every person in
11 need, an effort that the Unified Judiciary of Guam has supported and advocated for many
12 years since their initial establishment several years ago; and

13 **WHEREAS**, May 16 – 20, 2011, marks *National Drug Court Commencement Week*,
14 which celebrates the promise of recovery and restored hope to Drug Court graduates and
15 their families; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Uno na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf
17 of the people of Guam, joins the people of Guam in recognizing May, 2011, as "**Drug Court**
18 **Month**", thus acknowledging the significant contributions Drug Courts have made toward
19 reducing the use of illegal substances, drug-related crimes, and recidivism while saving
20 valuable resources; and further extends a warmhearted *Un Dangkolo' Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'*
21 to the many Adult and Juvenile Drug Court practitioners and participants for their
22 tremendous efforts toward contributing positively to our island community in the
23 reduction of criminal activities associated with drug dependency and, most importantly,
24 for restoring and strengthening families on Guam; and be it further

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to,
26 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable
27 F. Phillip Carbullido, Chief Justice, Judiciary of Guam; the Honorable Alberto Lamorena,

- 1 Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Guam; Adult Drug Court and Juvenile Drug Court
- 2 Administrators, Superior Court of Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J. B. Calvo, *I*
- 3 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNO NA LIHESLATURAN
GUÅHAN ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2011.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Senator and Legislative Secretary