

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

**Resolution No. 97 (COR)**

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**Relative to joining the nation in recognizing the practitioners and participants who contribute to making drug courts work and who, through their efforts, take significant strides to reduce drug usage and crime, especially during the month of May 2009, "Drug Court Month".**

- 1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**  
2        ***MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***  
3        **WHEREAS,** the year 2009 marks the Twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary of the  
4        Miami-Dade Drug Court, the first Drug Court in the United States of America.

1 The Court sparked a national revolution that changes the face of the American  
2 Justice System; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Drug Court movement has grown from the twelve (12)  
4 original Drug Courts in 1994 to two thousand three hundred one (2,301)  
5 operational Drug Courts and three thousand four hundred ten (3,410)  
6 problem solving courts as of December 2008; and

7 **WHEREAS**, for the past twenty (20) years, Drug Courts have been  
8 restoring lives, reuniting families and making communities across this nation  
9 safer; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Drug Courts provide focus and leadership for community-  
11 wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health  
12 professionals in the fight against drug abuse and criminality; and

13 **WHEREAS**, while sixty to eighty percent (60% - 80%) of drug offenders  
14 sentenced to prison recidivate, and over forty percent (40%) sentenced to  
15 probation recidivate, only seventeen percent (17%) of Drug Court graduates  
16 recidivate; and

17 **WHEREAS**, results of more than one hundred (100) program  
18 evaluations and at least four (4) meta-analytic studies have yielded definitive  
19 evidence that Drug Courts are demonstratively effective and they significantly  
20 improve substance-abuse treatment outcomes, substantially reduce drug  
21 abuse and crime, and do so at a less expense than any other justice strategy;  
22 and

1           **WHEREAS**, over twenty-five thousand (25,000) judges, prosecutors,  
2 attorneys, substance abuse and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement  
3 and community supervision personnel, researchers and educators, national  
4 and community leaders, and others dedicated to Drug Courts and similar  
5 types of treatment programs are healing families and communities across the  
6 country; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Friday, May 15, 2009, marks “National Drug Court  
8 Commencement Day”, and May 2009 marks “National Drug Court Month”,  
9 which celebrates the promise of recovery and restored hope to Drug Court  
10 graduates and their families; and

11           **WHEREAS**, all judges, support personnel, prosecutors, attorneys and  
12 rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement and community practitioners,  
13 who promote and help in the fight against drug abuse and criminality, not  
14 only during “Drug Court Month,” but all year long, have earned our sincere  
15 gratitude and appreciation; now, therefore, be it

16           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’Trenta Na*  
17 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
18 people of Guam, join the nation, during the month of May 2009, “Drug Court  
19 Month,” in recognizing the practitioners and participants who contribute to  
20 making drug courts work and who, through their efforts, take significant  
21 strides to reduce drug usage and crimes related to drug dependency; and be it  
22 further

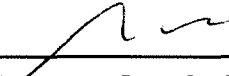
1           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on  
2 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and  
3 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Robert J.  
4 Torres, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam; to the Honorable Michael  
5 J. Bordallo, Judge, Superior Court of Guam and Adult Drug Court Judge; to  
6 the Honorable Arthur R. Barcinas Judge, Superior Court of Guam and  
7 Juvenile Drug Court Judge; to the Honorable Alicia G. Limtiaco, Attorney  
8 General of Guam; to the U. S. District Court Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-  
9 Gatewood; to the Drug Court Programs Office; to the National Association of  
10 Drug Court Professionals; to the National Council of Juvenile and Family  
11 Court Judges; to the Guam Chamber of Commerce; to the Department Youth  
12 Affairs; to the Department of Corrections; to Sanctuary, Incorporated; and to  
13 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 THIS 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF APRIL, 2009.



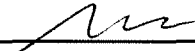
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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  
Speaker



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Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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