

**I MINA'TRENTA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 355-30 (LS)

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Relative to recognizing and commending the practitioners and participants of the Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts for their work and contributions, which have resulted in a significant decrease in substance abuse and crimes related to drug dependency, in the celebration of the month of May 2010 as *“National Drug Court Month”*.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN**

2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, the Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts combine judicial
4 accountability and evidence-based treatment to effectively intervene against
5 substance abuse and related crimes, and serve as the most effective tools for
6 reducing substance abuse and crimes in our criminal justice system; and

7 **WHEREAS**, for the past twenty-one (21) 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**, the results of more than one hundred (100) program
14 evaluations and at least four (4) meta-analytic studies have yielded definitive
15 evidence that Drug Courts are demonstratively effective, and significantly
16 improve substance abuse treatment outcomes, substantially reduce drug
17 abuse, and produce greater cost benefits than other justice strategies among
18 drug-involved individuals before the court; and

19 **WHEREAS**, judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, substance abuse
20 treatment and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement, community
21 leaders, and others dedicated to the movement, have had a profound impact
22 within their communities; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the movement has grown to two thousand four hundred
2 (2,400) operational Drug Courts throughout the United States and Territories,
3 up from just twelve (12) original Drug Courts in 1994; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the focus in the Adult Drug Court is a treatment approach
5 that results in cost-savings to the criminal justice system, and increases the
6 likelihood of successful, rehabilitated community members; and

7 **WHEREAS**, through a collaborative team approach, the members of the
8 judicial system and the criminal offenders that partake in the Adult Drug
9 Court program work together toward ensuring the offenders' successful
10 recovery and reintegration into the community as productive, law-abiding
11 citizens; and

12 **WHEREAS**, like the Adult Drug Court mold, the Juvenile Drug Court
13 program was established in response to adolescent abuse of drugs and alcohol
14 on Guam, as the program provides intensive supervision and substance abuse
15 treatment to youths aged thirteen (13) to seventeen (17) years, who have
16 committed non-violent offenses, but exhibit substance abuse behaviors; and

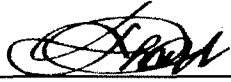
17 **WHEREAS**, the mission of the Juvenile Drug Court is to integrate drug
18 treatment services with the juvenile justice system, including law enforcement
19 personnel, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and educational system
20 representatives; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Thursday, May 20, 2010, marks “*National Drug Court*
2 *Commencement Day*”, which celebrates the promise of recovery, and restoring
3 hope to drug court graduates and their families; now, therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
5 behalf of the people of Guam, commend the practitioners and participants
6 who make Drug Courts work for the contributions they have made, which
7 have resulted in a significant decrease in substance abuse and crimes related
8 to drug dependency; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
10 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
11 transmitted to the Honorable Robert J. Torres, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of
12 Guam, Judiciary of Guam; to the Honorable Michael J. Bordallo, Judge,
13 Superior Court of Guam, and Adult Drug Court Judge; to the Honorable
14 Arthur R. Barcinas, Judge, Superior Court of Guam, and Juvenile Drug Court
15 Judge; to the Honorable Alicia G. Lintiaco, Attorney General of Guam; to the
16 Drug Court Programs Offices; to the National Association of Drug Court
17 Professionals; to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; to
18 the Guam Chamber of Commerce; to the Department of Youth Affairs; to the
19 Department of Corrections; to the Department of Mental Health and
20 Substance Abuse; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen*
21 *Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THIS 28TH DAY OF APRIL, 2010.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
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