

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 116(COR)

Introduced by:

FRANK B. AGUON JR.



Relative to recognizing and commending the dedication and hardwork of the professional practitioners, social workers, management and employees of the Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse during its celebration of 28th Anniversary and the observance of "National Mental Health Month "and the grand opening of the Healing Hearts Crisis Center.

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

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged by *I Liheslaturan* that the month of May is the local and national recognized month to celebrate "Mental Health Awareness Month" to raise awareness of mental health and eliminate discrimination against people with mental illness;

WHEREAS, the year 2009 marks the Twenty-eight Anniversary of the Guam Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse created through the enactment of Public Law 17-21 in 1983, and this year's theme is "Live Your Life Well"; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse provides leadership and guidance to close the gap between what is needed and what is currently available to reduce the burden of mental disorders island wide, to promote mental health and enhance Guam's capacity to combat stigma of mental disorders through "Operation Re-dedication"; and

WHEREAS, one in five children suffer from mental health problems and if left untreated , can lead to school failure, alcohol or substance abuse, family discord, violence and even suicide; and

WHEREAS, one in every five Americans experiences a mental health disorder in any given year , but only one-third seek care due to the stigma and misperceptions surrounding mental disorders and their treatment ; and

WHEREAS, more and more Americans are suffering due to the increasing economic troubles piled on by stress or work and family demands; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse encourage the community to get involved in mental health month activities by wearing green ribbons to support this month's events; and

WHEREAS, various activities are being coordinated throughout the month of May 2005 to commemorate this event, including a proclamation signing at Governor's Conference room in Adelup, Consumer Voices Workshop , an open house, groundbreaking for St. Dymphna Memorial Park followed by a mass held at the DMHSA Tamuning facility, a tree planting ceremony for DMHSA Fruit Tree Garden and a grand opening of Healing Hearts Crisis Center at 215 Duenas Drive in Tamuning ; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, honor of the individuals in the mental health profession and express their support of the dedicated, passionate, and hardworking employees of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse and does pay tribute to them during "Mental Health Awareness Month" and the 28th Anniversary of the DMHSA ; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. David L.G.

Shimizu, Director, Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse; Annie F.B. Unpingco, Administrator, Child-Adolescent Services Division, Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse; to Leticia Piper, Acting Program Manager , Healing Hearts Crisis Center and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahaen Guahan.

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

JUDITH WON T. PAT
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA MUNA-BARNES
Legislative Secretary



SENATOR FRANK B. AGUON, JR.
 Chairman, Committee on Economic Development,
 Health and Human Services, and Judiciary
I Mina' Trenta na Lehislaturan Guåhan



May 22, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Frank B. Aguon Jr.

RE: Presentation of Resolution No. 116 (COR)

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Your presence is cordially requested for the presentation of Resolution No. ____ (COR)

Relative to recognizing mental health practitioners and workers of the Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse as they celebrate the 28th Anniversary of the DMHSA / The National Mental Health Month and the grand opening of the Healing Hearts Crisis Center of DMHSA.

Date: May 29, 2009

Time: 11 a.m.

**Place: 215 Duenas Drive, Tamuning
 Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Facility
 (between Guam Memorial Hospital and Archbishop Flores Loop)**

cc: Clerk of the Legislature
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