

MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

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Resolution No. 355-30 (LS)

Introduced by:

FRANK B. AGUON JR.

Relative to recognizing the month of May 2010 as “*National Drug Court Month*” and commending the practitioners and participants who make Drug Courts work and the contributions it has made and continue to make, resulting in a significant decrease in substance abuse and crimes related to drug dependency.

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
5 against substance abuse and related crimes, and serves as the most
6 effective tool for reducing substance abuse and crimes in our criminal
7 justice system; and

8 WHEREAS, for the past twenty-one (21) years, Drug Courts have
9 been restoring lives, reuniting families and making communities across this
10 nation safer; and

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

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

10 **WHEREAS**, the judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, substance
11 abuse treatment and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement,
12 community leaders and others dedicated to the movement have had a
13 profound impact within their communities; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the movement has grown to two thousand four hundred
15 (2,400) operational Drug Courts throughout the United States and
16 Territories up from just twelve (12) original Drug Courts in 1994; and

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

21 **WHEREAS**, through a collaborative team approach, the members of
22 the judicial system and these criminal offenders that partake in the Adult

1 Drug Court program work together toward a successful recovery and
2 reintegration into the community as productive, law-abiding citizens; and

3 **WHEREAS**, like the Adult Drug Court mold, the Juvenile Drug
4 Court program was established in response to adolescent abuse of drugs
5 and alcohol on Guam, the program provides intensive supervision and
6 substance abuse treatment to youths aged 13 to 17 years, who have
7 committed non-violent offenses but exhibit substance abuse behaviors; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the mission of the Juvenile Drug Court is to integrate
9 drug treatment services with the juvenile justice system, including law
10 enforcement personnel, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and education
11 system representatives; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Thursday, May 20, 2010 marks "*National Drug Court*
13 *Commencement Day*", which celebrates the promise of recovery, restoring
14 hope to drug court graduates and their families; now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the
16 people of Guam, commend the practitioners and participants who make
17 Drug Courts work and the contributions it has made and continue to make,
18 resulting in a significant decrease in substance abuse and crimes related to
19 drug dependency; and be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certifies, and the Legislative Secretary
21 attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter
22 transmitted to the Honorable Robert J. Torres, Chief Justice, Supreme Court
23 of Guam, Judiciary of Guam; the Honorable Michael J. Bordallo, Judge,

1 Superior Court of Guam and Adult Drug Court Judge; the Honorable
2 Arthur R. Barcinas, Judge, Superior Court of Guam and Juvenile Drug
3 Court Judge; the Honorable Alicia G. Limtiaco, Attorney General of Guam;
4 to the Drug Court Programs Offices; to the National Association of Drug
5 Court Professionals; to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court
6 Judges; to the Guam Chamber of Commerce; to the Department of Youth
7 Affairs; to the Department of Corrections; to the Department of Mental
8 Health and Substance Abuse; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
9 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF APRIL 2010.**

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature





SENATOR FRANK B. AGUON, JR.
 Chairman, Committee on Economic Development,
 Health & Human Services, and Judiciary
I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
 (Thirtieth Guam Legislature)



April 28, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL SENATORS
FROM: SENATOR FRANK B. AGUON, JR. 
SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PRESENTATION – RES. NO. 355 -30 (LS)

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Please join me in presenting Resolution No. 355 -30 (LS) – “Relative to recognizing the month of May 2010 as “*National Drug Court Month*” and commending the practitioners and participants who make Drug Courts work and the contributions it has made and continue to make, resulting in a significant decrease in substance abuse and crimes related to drug dependency.”

The presentation is scheduled as follow:

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010
TIME: 1:30 PM
PLACE: TO BE ANNOUNCED

I look forward to your attendance and participation. Please feel free to call my office.

Un dangkulo' na Si Yu'us Ma'ase'.

Cc: Clerk of the Legislature
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