

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to encouraging the people of Guam to support activities that raise awareness and encourage prevention of substance abuse on the occasion of "Red Ribbon Campaign Week" from October 23 to 31, 2009.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS,** alcohol and drug abuse on our Island and across the Nation
4 have reached epidemic proportions. As an Island community, we value the

1 health and safety of all our citizens, especially Guam’s youth. Today, we face
2 many challenges as we try to protect our people from the ongoing battle of
3 substance abuse; and

4 **WHEREAS**, substance abuse, either through the use of drugs or alcohol,
5 not only has a negative effect on individuals, families, businesses and schools,
6 but is a contributing factor in the three (3) leading causes of death among
7 adolescents, which are accidents, homicides and suicide; and

8 **WHEREAS**, recognizing the seriousness of this threat, concerned
9 individuals initiated the first “**Red Ribbon Campaign**” in 1986. This
10 grassroots effort emphasized education and the importance of instructing
11 children and teenagers about the dangers of drug and alcohol use. Since then,
12 significant progress has been made in reducing drug and alcohol abuse
13 among Guam’s young adults; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Guam’s participation in this national effort was started by
15 the Dededo Drug-Free Organization (now known as Youth For Youth LIVE!
16 Guam) in 1988; and

17 **WHEREAS**, with this year’s theme “*Drug-Free is the Key*”, a wide
18 variety of activities have been planned to include a poster contest open to all
19 students on Guam and various drug awareness presentations conducted by
20 coalition members at our schools. These events are made possible by the Red
21 Ribbon Campaign Committee comprised of U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency,
22 the Guam National Guard Counter Drug Program, the Guam Chamber of
23 Commerce, the Judiciary of Guam-Juvenile Drug Court, the U.S. Attorney’s

1 Office, the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, the District Court of
2 Guam and the U.S. Probation Office, the Department of Corrections, the
3 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Prevention & Training
4 Branch & Drug & Alcohol- New Beginnings Program, Youth for Youth Live!
5 Guam, Sanctuary Incorporated of Guam, Island Girl Power, Big Brothers Big
6 Sisters of Guam, WestCare, the Department of Youth Affairs, the Office of the
7 Governor, the Mayors Council of Guam, the Guam Fire Department, Naval
8 Base Guam, the Department of Defense Educational Activities, the Guam
9 Department of Education, various government of Guam agencies. This
10 awareness effort, aimed towards Guam's community, is a chance to further
11 our mission's desire for a drug-free community; and

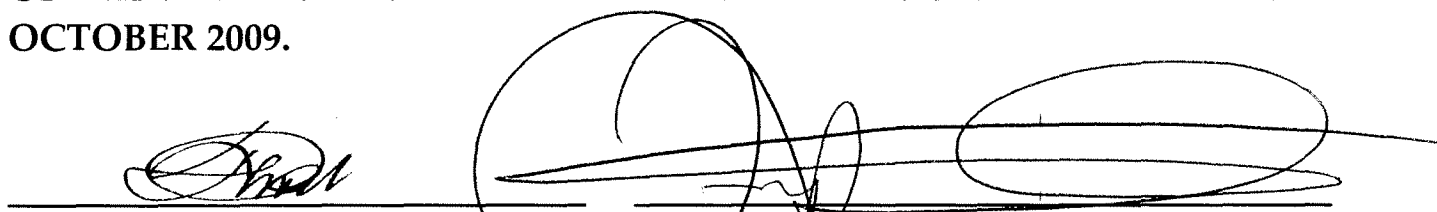
12 **WHEREAS**, it is the goal of this *"Red Ribbon Campaign"* to involve
13 families, schools, business, churches, law enforcement agencies and service
14 organizations in all aspects of this campaign, and to establish an atmosphere
15 that supports awareness, education and on-going initiatives to prevent illegal
16 drug use; and

17 **WHEREAS**, on the occasion of *"Red Ribbon Campaign Week,"* I
18 *Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* encourages all residents to consider ways
19 to participate in this important effort. As we build upon the successes of the
20 past, we strengthen the Guam of tomorrow, and with strong resolve and
21 creative leadership, protect our community from the preventable dangers of
22 alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse; now, therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
3 people of Guam, encourage the island community to support activities that
4 raise awareness of the cause, and to encourage the prevention of substance
5 abuse, by wearing a red ribbon throughout the "**Red Ribbon Campaign Week**"
6 in recognition of their commitment to a healthy, drug-free lifestyle and our
7 commitment as a whole to be a drug-free Guam; and be it further

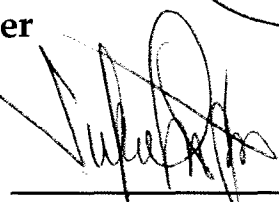
8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
9 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
10 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the members of the Red
11 Ribbon Campaign Committee; to the Mayors Council of Guam; to the
12 Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States
13 Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 15TH DAY OF
OCTOBER 2009.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

JUDITH P. GUTHERTZ, DPA
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
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