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Relative to recognizing and commending the practitioners and participants who contribute to the success of the Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts of Guam, which has resulted in the significant reduction in the use of illegal substances, and in the criminal activities related to drug dependency; to extending *Un Dangkolo' Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to them for their tremendous service to the community; and to further joining them in the celebration of "Drug Court Month" in May 2011.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS, nationally, Drug Courts have proven to be a successful solution to**
4 **budgetary concerns that benefit all facets of society through the provision of necessary**

1 services and activities, which has helped to further reduce and eliminate drug use and
2 dependency; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Drug Courts are an essential component of the national and local
4 justice systems which save a tremendous amount of criminal justice resources and
5 help to return individuals to their communities as productive, tax paying citizens; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Drug Courts serve as an effective tool in the criminal justice
7 system and help to avoid limited public funds from being spent on costly, and
8 sometimes ineffective services, which ultimately helps to reduce drug-related crimes;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, the results of more than one hundred (100) program evaluations
11 and at least four (4) meta-analytic studies have yielded definitive evidence that Drug
12 Courts significantly improve substance abuse treatment outcomes, substantially
13 reduce drug abuse and related crimes, and do so at a cost less than that of any other
14 Court strategy; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Drug Courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing
16 together public safety and public health professionals in the fight against the
17 distribution and use of illegal substances; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Drug Court movement has grown from the twelve (12)
19 original Drug Courts in 1994 to two thousand five hundred (2,500) operational Drug
20 Courts, further emphasizing the tremendous successes of these Courts in their efforts
21 to address drug use and dependency in communities throughout the nation; and


22 **WHEREAS**, the time has come to put a Drug Court within reach of every
23 person in need, an effort that the Unified Judiciary of Guam has supported and
24 advocated for many years since their initial establishment several years ago; and

1 **WHEREAS**, May 16 through 20, 2011 marks *National Drug Court*
2 *Commencement Week*, which celebrates the promise of recovery and restored hope to
3 Drug Court graduates, and their families; now, therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
5 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the Adult and Juvenile
6 Drug Courts of Guam, in acknowledgement of the significant contributions they have
7 made in reducing the use of illegal substances, drug-related crimes and recidivism,
8 while saving valuable resources; does extend a warmhearted *Un Dångkolo' Na Si*
9 *Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the many Adult and Juvenile Drug Court practitioners and
10 participants for their tremendous efforts toward contributing positively to our island
11 community in the reduction of criminal activities associated with drug dependency
12 and, most importantly, for restoring and strengthening families on Guam; and does
13 further join them in the celebration of "***Drug Court Month***" in May, 2011; and be it
14 further

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
16 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the
17 Honorable F. Phillip Carbullido, Chief Justice, Judiciary of Guam; to the Honorable
18 Alberto Lamorena, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Guam; to the Adult Drug Court
19 and Juvenile Drug Court Administrators, Superior Court of Guam; and to the
20 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 4TH DAY OF MAY 2011.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary