

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing the dedicated and hardworking employees of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse on the celebration of “Mental Health Awareness Month” during May 2011.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS,** it is acknowledged by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* that the month of
4 May is traditionally recognized, both locally and nationally, as a special time during
5 the year to celebrate “Mental Health Awareness Month”; and

1 **WHEREAS**, national data reveals that one (1) in five (5) children suffer from
2 mental health problems and, if left untreated, can lead to failure at school, alcohol or
3 substance abuse, family discord, violence, and even suicide; and

4 **WHEREAS**, one (1) in every five (5) Americans experiences a mental health
5 disorder in any given year, but only one-third seek care due to the stigma and
6 misperceptions surrounding mental disorders and their treatment; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, which is
8 the lead government of Guam provider of mental health and substance abuse treatment
9 services, has continued to raise the awareness of, and its support for, individuals
10 dealing with mental health, alcohol and substance abuse, suicide, sexual assault, and
11 family violence issues; and

12 **WHEREAS**, despite financial difficulties that have confronted the agency for
13 many years, the staff and management of the Department of Mental Health and
14 Substance Abuse continue to work towards improving the services they provide to our
15 community; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the work the staff and management of DMHSS do each day to
17 help individuals receive treatment and community support services speak clearly of
18 their unyielding commitment to good and professional public service. For this reason
19 and others, we rightly celebrate these dedicated and often unsung heroes during
20 “Mental Health Awareness Month”; now, therefore, be it

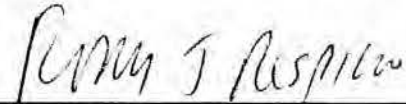
21 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
22 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
23 of Guam, recognize and commend the dedicated and hardworking employees of the
24 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse as we celebrate “Mental Health
25 Awareness Month” during May 2011; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
2 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
3 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Wilfred Aflague, Director, Department of
4 Mental Health and Substance Abuse; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, /
5 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

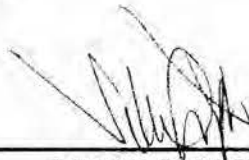
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 20TH DAY
OF MAY 2011.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary