

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing and commending the members of the Red Ribbon Campaign Committee on the occasion of “National Red Ribbon Week,” from October 23 to 31, 2011; and to further encouraging the people of Guam to support the activities that raise the awareness about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, and to wear a Red Ribbon during “National Red Ribbon Week” in recognition of our commitment to being a safe and healthy community.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, alcohol and drug abuse on Guam, and throughout the nation, have
4 reached epidemic proportions. As an island community, we value the health and safety

1 of our citizens, especially Guam's youth. Today, we face many challenges as we try to
2 protect our loved ones from the ongoing battle against substance abuse; and

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

7 **WHEREAS**, the "Red Ribbon Campaign" began in 1985 after drug traffickers in
8 Mexico City murdered Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Agent Enrique "Kiki"
9 Camarena. His friends and neighbors wore red badges of satin signifying his honor and
10 to show that they would continue to fight against illegal drug activities. The mission of
11 the Red Ribbon Campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the
12 creation of a DRUG-FREE AMERICA; and

13 **WHEREAS**, recognizing the seriousness of this threat, the National Family
14 Partnership initiated the first (1st) "Red Ribbon Campaign" in 1986. This grassroots
15 effort emphasized education and the importance of teaching children, teenagers,
16 families, and communities about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. It is now the
17 oldest and largest drug prevention program that reaches millions of youth, families and
18 communities in every corner of the country; and since 1986, significant progress has
19 been made in reducing drug and alcohol abuse among Guam's young adults; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the 2011 "*Red Ribbon Campaign Week*" theme is: "*IT'S UP TO*
21 *ME TO BE DRUG-FREE...SEE THE CONNECTION...CHOICES =*
22 *CONSEQUENCES*," and some of this year's activities include: a Poster Contest; a
23 Drug-Free Rap Contest; a School Gate Decorating Contest; Red Ribbon Waves in
24 Northern, Central and Southern Guam; a "Say Boo to Drugs" Community Event; and
25 Educational (School) outreach activities, as well as numerous print, TV, and radio
26 media events. These activities are made possible by the Red Ribbon Campaign

1 Committee, which is comprised of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; the U.S.
2 Probation Office of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands; the Guam Bureau of
3 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Guam National Guard Counterdrug
4 Program; Guam Joint Region Marianas; Marine Forces Pacific; the Navy Theaters; the
5 USS Frank Cable (AS-40); the U.S. Attorney's Office; the U.S. Department of Defense
6 Educational Activities; the U.S. Marshals Service; the U.S. Naval Base Guam; the U.S.
7 Naval Hospital Guam; the Department of Corrections; the Department of Mental Health
8 & Substance Abuse; the Department of Youth Affairs; the Guam Department of
9 Education; the Guam Fire Department; the Guam Police Department; the Judiciary of
10 Guam- Juvenile Drug Court; the Mayors Council of Guam; the Office of the Governor;
11 *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam; the
12 Guam Chamber of Commerce; the Firefighters Organization for Activities & Morale;
13 Island Girl Power; Sanctuary Incorporated; VARO- Victims Advocates Reaching Out;
14 WestCare - Pacific Islands; Youth for Youth LIVE!; Advance Management, Inc.; the
15 *Agana* Shopping Center; the Guam Premier Outlets; Hollywood Theaters-Guam
16 Megaplex Cinemas; Island Time Magazine; KIJM FM 104.3; KUAM; the Marianas
17 Variety; the Pacific Daily News; the Sorenson Media Group; and Tango, Inc. dba:
18 Micronesia Mall and Stadium Theaters. These awareness efforts will concentrate on
19 promoting healthy choices and lifestyles that are both drug and violence free; and

20 **WHEREAS**, it is the goal of the "Red Ribbon Campaign" to involve families,
21 schools, businesses, churches, law enforcement agencies and service organizations to
22 establish an atmosphere that supports awareness and education that will help to prevent
23 illegal drug-related activities; and

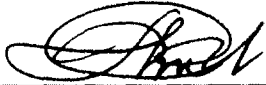
24 **WHEREAS**, on the occasion of the 2011 "*Red Ribbon Campaign Week*" *I*
25 *Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* encourages all residents to consider how
26 they can participate in this important effort, so that as we build upon the successes of

1 the past we can strengthen the Guam of tomorrow, and with strong resolve and creative
2 leadership we can protect our community from the preventable dangers of alcohol,
3 tobacco and drug abuse; now therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
5 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the people
6 of Guam, recognize and commend the members of the Red Ribbon Campaign
7 Committee on the occasion of “*Red Ribbon Campaign Week*,” from October 23 to 31,
8 2011; and does further encourage the people of Guam to support the activities and to
9 get involved in events and programs that aim to protect our community from the
10 dangers of alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse, and raise awareness in the prevention of
11 substance abuse, and to wear a Red Ribbon during “*Red Ribbon Campaign Week*” in
12 recognition of our commitment to being a safe and healthy community;, and be it
13 further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
15 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
16 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Red Ribbon Campaign Committee; to the
17 Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate to the United States Congress; and
18 to the Honorable Edward B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 21ST DAY OF
OCTOBER 2011.**



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