

***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
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**Resolution No. 413-31 (COR)**

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**Relative to recognizing and commending the practitioners and participants who have contributed to the success of the Judiciary of Guam's Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts and the District Court of Guam's Drug Offender Re-Entry Program, 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" during the month of May 2012.**

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

3           **WHEREAS**, the local Drug Court programs were established ten (10) years  
4 ago when the Juvenile Drug Court commenced on February 1, 2002, and the first  
5 graduation took place on May 9, 2003; and

6           **WHEREAS**, an implementation and development grant for the Adult Drug  
7 Court was received in 2002, with the first treatment session commencing on August  
8 12, 2003, and the first graduation cycle on January 15, 2005; and

9           **WHEREAS**, the Federal Drug Offender Re-Entry Program (DORE)  
10 *Prugraman Hinalom Talo* was established on August 21, 2008, welcoming ten (10)  
11 participants during the first hearing held, and the first graduation was held on  
12 September 16, 2009; and

13           **WHEREAS**, nationally, Drug Courts have proven to be a successful solution to  
14 budgetary concerns that benefit all facets of society through the provision of necessary  
15 services and activities, which has helped to further reduce and eliminate drug use and  
16 dependency. Drug Courts offer drug-dependent individuals facing conviction or  
17 convicted of criminal charges an opportunity to receive treatment and recovery for  
18 their drug use, instead of jail time and recidivism; and

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

23           **WHEREAS**, local and federal Drug Courts serve as an effective tool in the  
24 criminal justice system and help to avoid limited public funds from being spent on  
25 costly, and sometimes ineffective services, which ultimately helps to reduce drug-  
26 related crimes; and

1       **WHEREAS**, the local and federal Drug Courts continue to save taxpayers from  
2       having to spend thousands of dollars to imprison drug offenders, as the average  
3       monthly cost of providing treatment via these therapeutic programs range from Two  
4       Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$280.00) to Six Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$620.00). The  
5       estimated monthly cost to imprison an offender currently ranges from Two Thousand  
6       Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00) to Two Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars  
7       (\$2,900.00); and

8       **WHEREAS**, the results of hundreds of program evaluations and meta-analytic  
9       studies have yielded definitive evidence that local and federal Drug Courts  
10      significantly improve substance abuse treatment outcomes, substantially reduce drug  
11      abuse and related crimes, and do so at a cost less than that of any other Court strategy;  
12      and

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

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


22      **WHEREAS**, May 1 through May 31, 2012 marks *National Drug Court Month*,  
23      which celebrates the promise of recovery and restored hope to local and federal Drug  
24      Court graduates, and their families; now therefore, be it


25      **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*  
26      *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people

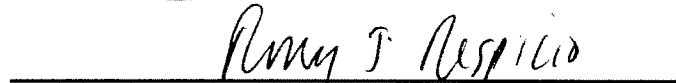
1 of Guam, recognize and commend the local and federal Adult and Juvenile Drug  
2 Courts of Guam, in acknowledgement of the significant contributions they have made  
3 in reducing the use of illegal substances, drug-related crimes and recidivism, while  
4 saving valuable resources; does extend a warmhearted *Un Dangkolo' Na Si Yu'os*  
5 *Ma'ase'* to the many local and federal Adult and Juvenile Drug Court practitioners  
6 and participants for their tremendous efforts toward contributing positively to our  
7 island community in the reduction of criminal activities associated with drug  
8 dependency and, most importantly, for restoring and strengthening families on Guam;  
9 and does further join them in the celebration of "***Local and Federal Drug Court***  
10 ***Month***" in May 2012; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
12 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
13 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable F. Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice  
14 of Guam; to the Honorable Alberto C. Lamorena III, Presiding Judge, Superior Court  
15 of Guam; to the Honorable Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief Judge, District  
16 Court of Guam; to the Honorable Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr., Magistrate Judge,  
17 District Court of Guam; to the local and federal Adult Drug Court and Juvenile Drug  
18 Court Administrators; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren*  
19 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
*I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF MAY 2012.**

  
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**BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**  
Acting Speaker

  
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**RORY J. RESPICIO**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
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