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I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 253-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MEMBERS OF THE RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE ON THE OCCASION OF THE "NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK," ON OCTOBER 23 TO 31, 2011; AND TO ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM TO SUPPORT ACTIVITIES THAT RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE, AND TO WEAR A RED RIBBON DURING "NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK," IN RECOGNITION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO A DRUG-FREE COMMUNITY.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF**

2 ***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS,** alcohol and drug abuse on our island, and
4 throughout the nation, have reached epidemic proportions. As an island
5 community, we value the health and safety of our citizens, especially
6 Guam's youth. Today, we face many challenges as we try to protect our
7 loved ones from the ongoing battle against substance abuse use; and

8 **WHEREAS,** substance abuse, either through the use of drugs or
9 alcohol, not only has a negative effect on individuals, families,
10 businesses and schools, but it is also a contributing factor in the three (3)

1 leading causes of death among adolescents, which are accidents,
2 homicides, and suicide; and

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

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

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

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

1 **WHEREAS**, it is the goal of the “Red Ribbon Campaign” to
2 involve families, schools, businesses, churches, law enforcement
3 agencies and service organizations to establish an atmosphere that
4 supports awareness, education that will help to prevent illegal drug
5 related activities; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on the occasion of “*Red Ribbon Campaign Week*” *I*
7 *Mina’Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guahan* encourages all residents to
8 consider ways to participate in this important effort. As we build upon
9 the successes of the past, we strengthen the Guam of tomorrow, and
10 with strong resolve and creative leadership, protect our community
11 from the preventable dangers of alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’Trentai Unu*
14 *Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Mina’Trentai Unu Na*
15 *Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, recognize and commend
16 the members of the Red Ribbon Campaign Committee on the occasion
17 of “*Red Ribbon Campaign Week*,” on October 23-31, 2011; and does further
18 encourage the people of Guam to support activities that raise awareness
19 in the prevention of substance abuse, and to wear a red ribbon during
20 “*Red Ribbon Campaign Week*” in recognition of our commitment to a
21 healthy and a drug-free community; and does call upon everyone on
22 Guam to join in the “*Red Ribbon Campaign Week*” activities, and to get
23 involved in events and programs that aim to protect our community
24 from the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the
2 Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
3 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
4 the Red Ribbon Campaign Committee; to the Honorable Madeleine Z.
5 Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the
6 Honorable Edward B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guahan*.

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

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Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Legislative Secretary