

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2012 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 5B-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and commending the members of the 2012 Red Ribbon Campaign Committee on the occasion of Red Ribbon Month, from October 1-31, 2012, for their outstanding dedication, commitment and leadership in taking a pro-active stance against drugs; and to further encouraging the people of Guam to support activities that raise awareness about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, and to wear a Red Ribbon during "National Red Ribbon Week" from October 23- 31, 2012, in recognition of our commitment to being a safe and healthy community.

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

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

3 **WHEREAS**, drug and alcohol has devastating consequences on
4 the community at large, most especially on families and youth who have
5 endured first-hand the harmful effects of this widespread epidemic. As
6 an island community, we value health and safety of our citizens,
7 especially Guam's youth. Today, we face many challenges as we try to
8 protect our loved ones from the ongoing battle against substance abuse;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, substance abuse, either through the use of drugs or
11 alcohol, not only has a negative effect on individuals, families,

1 businesses and schools, but it is also a contributing factor in the three (3)
2 leading causes of death among adolescents, which are accidents,
3 homicides, and suicide; and

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

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

20 **WHEREAS**, Guam’s participation in this national effort was
21 started in 1988 by the Dededo Drug-Free Organization (now known as
22 Youth for Youth LIVE! Guam); and

23 **WHEREAS**, the 2012 “Red Ribbon Campaign” theme is “The Best
24 ME is DRUG-FREE,” and some of this year’s activities include: a Poster
25 Contest; a Drug Free Rap Contest; a School Gate Decorating Contest;

1 Red Ribbon Waves in Northern, Central and Southern Guam; a “Say
2 Boo to Drugs” Community Event; and Educational (School) outreach
3 activities, as well as numerous print, TV, and radio media events. These
4 activities are made possible by the Red Ribbon Campaign Committee,
5 which is comprised of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; the
6 Guam National Guard Counterdrug Program; the District Court of
7 Guam and U.S. Probation Office for the Districts of Guam and the
8 Northern Mariana Islands; the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Districts of
9 Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands; the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol,
10 Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; Guam Joint Region Marianas; Marine
11 Forces Pacific; Navy Theaters; USS Frank Cable (AS-40); the U.S.
12 Department of Defense Educational Activities; the U.S. Marshals
13 Service; the U.S. Naval Base Guam; the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam; U.S.
14 Air Force 36th Wing; the Department of Corrections; the Department of
15 Mental Health & Substance Abuse; the Department of Youth Affairs; the
16 Guam Department of Education; the Guam Fire Department; the Guam
17 Police Department; the Judiciary of Guam-Probation/Juvenile Drug
18 Court; the Mayor’s Council of Guam; the Office of the Governor; the *I*
19 *Mina’Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guahan*; Big Brothers Big Sisters of
20 Guam; Guam Chamber of Commerce; Island Girl Power; Sanctuary
21 Incorporated; Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO); WestCare-
22 Pacific Islands; Youth for Youth LIVE!; Advance Management, Inc.; the
23 Agana Shopping Center; the Micronesia Mall; Hollywood Theaters-
24 Guam Megaplex Cinemas; KIJM FM 104.3; KUAM; the Marianas Variety;
25 the Pacific Daily News; the Sorenson Media Group; and Tango, Inc. dba:

1 Micronesia Mall and Stadium Theaters. These awareness efforts will
2 concentrate on promoting healthy choices and lifestyles that are both
3 drug and violence free; and

4 **WHEREAS**, education, prevention and outreach activities are
5 critical weapons in the community's effort to fight substance abuse. It is
6 the goal of the "Red Ribbon Campaign Committee" to involve families,
7 schools, businesses, churches, law enforcement agencies and service
8 organizations to establish an atmosphere that supports awareness and
9 education that will help to prevent illegal drug related activities; and

10 **WHEREAS**, on the occasion of the 2012 "*Red Ribbon Month*" *I*
11 *Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guahan* encourages all residents to
12 consider ways to participate in this important effort. As we build upon
13 the successes of the past, we strengthen the Guam of tomorrow, and
14 with strong resolve and creative leadership, protect our community
15 from the preventable dangers of alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu*
18 *Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
19 *Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, recognize and commend
20 the members of the Red Ribbon Campaign Committee on the occasion
21 of "*Red Ribbon Month*," from October 1-31, 2012; and does call upon and
22 further encourage the people of Guam to support the Red Ribbon
23 Campaign activities and to get involved in events and programs that
24 aim to protect our community from the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and
25 drug abuse, and to wear a red ribbon during "*National Red Ribbon Week*",

1 October 23-31, 2012, in recognition of our commitment to a healthy and
2 a drug-free community; and be it further

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

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA’TRENTAI UNU A NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ___ DAY
OF SEPTMEBER 2012.

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Speaker

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Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
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