

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Resolutions Log Sheet

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149-32 (LS)	Frank B. Aguon, Jr.	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 reduction in substance abuse and crimes related to drug dependency; and to extend Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse for their tremendous service provided to the island community as we join them in celebration of "National Drug Court Month" during the month of May 2013.	5/22/13 2:26p.m.	5/29/13 2:00 p.m.			05/22/13

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Resolution No. 149-32 (LS)

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS**, the Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts were recognized as courts of
4 record of the Judiciary of Guam in December 2005; and

1 **WHEREAS**, these programs are examples of “therapeutic justice,” which focus
2 on the rehabilitation of offenders and their reintegration into society; and

3 **WHEREAS**, from May 9, 2003, to May 17, 2013, the Juvenile Drug Court
4 (JDC) saw 281 youths graduate from its Intensive Track; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Juvenile Drug Court operates and works with over 300 JDC
6 students annually, along with an active caseload of 261; and

7 **WHEREAS**, to date, 252 individuals graduated from the Adult Drug Court
8 (ADC) I, while six graduated from ADC II, with 30 percent of those graduating
9 becoming employed by the program’s completion date; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the administrators of the Drug Offender Re-Entry Program
11 (DORE) within the District Court of Guam, which was established in August 2008,
12 upheld a goal to ensure that through intensive supervision, participants are drug-free
13 as they transition into the community; and

14 **WHEREAS**, as of March 2013, twenty participants have graduated from the
15 federal Drug Offender Re-Entry Program, while there are currently eight participants
16 in the program; and

17 **WHEREAS**, on the local and national level, Drug Courts have been proven to
18 reduce crime, save taxpayer money, and combat addiction; and

19 **WHEREAS**, each year, “National Drug Court Month” is a time to shine a light
20 on the impact of Drug Courts, allowing the opportunity to celebrate the work of
21 professionals, whose efforts have restored lives, reunited families and made
22 communities across the nation safer for the past two decades; and

23 **WHEREAS**, hundreds of program evaluations and meta-analytic studies have
24 concluded that Drug Courts significantly reduce crime, as much as 45 percent more
25 than sentencing options; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Drug Court programs have proven to save taxpayers
2 thousands of dollars by not incarcerating drug offenders, but providing them with
3 treatment instead, which increases the likelihood of them being successful,
4 rehabilitated community members; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the month of May marks “National Drug Court Month,” and this
6 year, Drug Courts around the country celebrate with the theme: “Drug Courts: A
7 Proven Budget Solution;” now therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
9 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the local and federal
10 Judiciary’s Adult and Juvenile Drug Court Judges, Coordinators, Case Managers,
11 Probation Officers, Probation Services Assistants, Juvenile Trackers, Administrative
12 Staff, the Office of the Attorney General, Defense Attorneys, the DORE team of
13 judges from the District Court of Guam, the Federal Public Defender, the U.S.
14 Probation Office, the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation
15 Professionals, law enforcement personnel, community leaders, and others dedicated to
16 the movement, whose efforts have contributed to the reduction in the use of illegal
17 substances, drug-related crimes, and recidivism; and to further extending *Un*
18 *Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’* to them for the tremendous service they provide to the
19 island community as we join them in the celebration of “National Drug Court Month,”
20 during the month of May 2013; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
22 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the
23 Honorable F. Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice of Guam; to the Honorable Alberto C.
24 Lamorena III, Presiding Judge and Adult Drug Court Judge, Superior Court of Guam;
25 to the Honorable Arthur R. Barcinas, Juvenile Drug Court Judge, Superior Court of
26 Guam; to the Honorable Leonardo M. Rapadas, Attorney General of Guam; to the

1 Honorable Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief Judge, District Court of Guam; to
2 the Honorable Joaquin V.E. Manibusan Jr., Magistrate Judge, District Court of Guam;
3 to the Honorable Alicia G. Limtiaco, U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the
4 Northern Mariana Islands; to the local and federal Drug Courts administrators; and to
5 the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 22ND DAY OF MAY, 2013.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary