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Resolutions Log Sheet

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Resolution No. 356-33 (LS)

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Relative to recognizing April 24 to 30, 2016 as National Re-Entry Week, and supporting and encouraging all local and federal partners to continue to work collaboratively with each other in our efforts to reduce crime and protect our communities by better preparing individuals for success outside of prison walls.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has designated the week
4 of April 24 to 30, 2016, as National Re-entry Week—the first-ever designation in
5 the nation—with major steps being taken to make our criminal justice system fairer,
6 more efficient, and more effective at reducing recidivism and helping formerly

1 incarcerated individuals contribute to their communities. An important part of that
2 commitment is preparing those who have paid their debt to society for substantive
3 opportunities beyond the prison gates, and addressing obstacles to successful re-
4 entry that too many returning citizens encounter; and

5 **WHEREAS**, nationally, each year, more than 600,000 individuals return to
6 our communities after serving time in federal and state prisons, and another 11.4
7 million individuals cycle through local jails. A broader population—almost one in
8 four Americans—has an arrest record, mostly for relatively minor, non-violent
9 offenses, sometimes from decades in the past. In Guam, the Department of
10 Corrections’ (DOC) average daily population was 627, 652, and 699 inmates and
11 detainees in 2011, 2012, and 2013, respectively. DOC’s inmate population as of
12 2014 was 236; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the long-term impact of a criminal record prevents many
14 motivated people from obtaining employment, housing, higher education, health
15 care, and credit. These barriers affect returning individuals even if they have paid
16 their debt to society, turned their lives around, and are unlikely to reoffend; and

17 **WHEREAS**, supporting successful reentry is an essential part of our mission
18 to promote public safety. If we can reduce recidivism by helping individuals return
19 to productive, law-abiding lives, we will reduce crime across the country and in
20 Guam, make our prisons safer, and make our neighborhoods and villages better
21 places to live. Thus, advancing policies and programs that enable these men and
22 women to put their lives back on track and earn their second chance promotes justice,
23 fairness, and public safety; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the goal is to improve rehabilitation and reintegration
25 opportunities in the following ways: reducing barriers to employment, increasing
26 access to education and enrichment, expanding opportunities for justice-involved
27 youth to serve their communities, increasing access to health care and public

1 services, increasing re-entry service access to incarcerated veterans, improving
2 opportunities for children of incarcerated parents and their families, and encouraging
3 private sector commitments to support re-entry; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the “Roadmap to Re-entry” is the DOJ’s comprehensive vision
5 to reduce recidivism through re-entry reforms at the Federal Bureau of Prisons
6 (BOP). The principles outlined are aligned with the work of the Federal Interagency
7 Re-entry Council, which has been working since its creation five years ago to reduce
8 recidivism and improve employment, education, housing, health, and child welfare
9 outcomes. Access to government-issued identification has also been highlighted as
10 men and women leaving correctional facilities face extreme challenges securing
11 employment and housing, registering for school, opening bank accounts as well as
12 seeking and receiving other benefits, such as health care, that are critical to
13 successful reintegration; and

14 **WHEREAS**, other federal measures to help promote rehabilitation and
15 reintegration include: Adult Re-entry Education Grants, Arrests Guidance for Public
16 and other HUD-Assisted Housing, Banning the Box in 2 Federal Employment,
17 TechHire: Expanding Tech Training and Jobs for Individuals with Criminal
18 Records, Permanent Supportive Housing for the Re-entry Population through Pay
19 for Success, and Juvenile Re-entry Assistance Program Awards to Support Public
20 Housing Residents; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Guam DOC has instituted programs supporting re-entry
22 efforts by helping inmates learn trades through the Guam Trades Academy program
23 and access treatment for substance abuse through the Residential Substance Abuse
24 Treatment program (RSAT). The Department of Youth Affairs also helps our youth
25 turn from a life of crime through their Jumpstart Program and Aftercare Program;
26 and

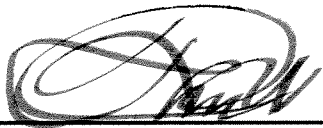
1 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Attorney’s Office (USAO), in collaboration with its
2 Diverse Community Outreach Coalition comprised of our government agencies,
3 nonprofit and civic organizations, faith-based community, Consular Corps, private
4 sector, and military counterparts, organized a “One Community Guam: Engaging
5 Our Community in Crime Prevention, Strengthening Protections for Vulnerable
6 Populations, and Re-entry Efforts through Workforce Development Strategies”
7 training held in June 2015. The training was in response to the U.S. Attorney
8 General’s “Smart on Crime” Initiative, announced in 2013, which called for a
9 comprehensive review of the criminal justice system by the DOJ in order to identify
10 reforms that would ensure federal laws are enforced fairly and efficiently. The
11 training promoted community collaboration and cooperation consistent with the
12 goals of the “Smart on Crime” Initiative, which include bolstering prevention and
13 re-entry efforts to deter crime and reduce recidivism, and strengthening protections
14 for vulnerable populations. As a result of the training, a “One Community Guam”
15 Working Group was formed and meetings were held to address recommendations
16 and next steps. Consistent with the recommendations and next steps regarding the
17 need for continued and increased public awareness about and the implementation of
18 re-entry programs, the USAO organized a training entitled “Improving Criminal
19 Justice Outcomes” conducted by Mr. Michael G. Santos, author, *Earning Freedom:
20 Conquering a 45-Year Prison Term*, in March 2016, who shared his own personal
21 journey through 26 years in federal prison, the challenges faced by those in prison
22 and the opportunities for re-entry into the community. More training including “One
23 Community Guam – Earning Freedom and Re-entry,” will be conducted by Michael
24 G. Santos this year; now therefore, be it

25 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina 'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
26 on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize April 24 to
27 30 as Re-entry Week and support and encourage all local and federal partners to

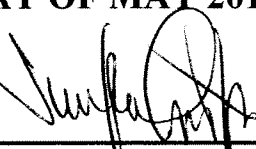
1 continue to work collaboratively with each other in our efforts to reduce crime and
2 protect our communities by better preparing individuals for success outside of prison
3 walls; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
5 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the U.S.
6 Attorney's Office, and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 2ND DAY OF MAY 2016.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary