

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

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63-33 (COR)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Relative to recognizing and congratulating the Alcohol Prevention and Control Group of the Non-Communicable Disease Consortium on the observance of Alcohol Awareness Month with the theme: "For the Health of It: Early Education on Alcoholism and Addiction," and to further extending an Un Dångkolo na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' for your work in advocating for the prevention of alcohol abuse for all the people of Guam.	04/10/15 10:58 a.m.	04/17/15 11:00 a.m.					04/17/15

I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 63-33 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating the members of the Alcohol Prevention and Control Group of the Non-Communicable Disease Consortium on the observance of “Alcohol Awareness Month” during April 2015, with the theme: “For the Health of It: Early Education on Alcoholism and Addiction”; and to further extending *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to them for their work in advocating for the prevention of alcohol abuse for the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS, alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the**
4 **United States, with its harmful use associated with significant adverse health and**

1 social consequences among abusers, individuals who are chemically dependent,
2 family members, and the community as a whole. Alcohol abuse is associated with
3 more than sixty types of diseases and injuries, including, liver cirrhosis, mental and
4 emotional illnesses, several types of cancer, pancreatitis, and harm to the fetus of
5 pregnant women; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the social costs of alcohol use and abuse on Guam are significant
7 factors in motor vehicle crashes, unintentional injuries, suicides, homicides, child
8 abuse and neglect, family violence, and other crimes; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the 2013 State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW)
10 Profile reported that about one in four suicides are associated with alcohol use; and

11 **WHEREAS**, young people who begin drinking before the age of fifteen are
12 four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking
13 at the age of twenty-one; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the 2013 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System reported
15 that 40.9% of adults on Guam are current drinkers, and 20.9% are binge drinkers; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the 2013 Youth Risk Behavioral Survey reported that 23.5% of
17 high school students on Guam are current drinkers, 12.7% are binge drinkers, and
18 17.5% first drank alcohol before the age of thirteen; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the typical American will see one hundred thousand beer
20 commercials before he or she turns eighteen, which on Guam is also evident as
21 alcohol sponsorships and advertisements are widely visible even in family-oriented
22 community events and public venues; and

23 **WHEREAS**, local policies are in place to stop underage drinking and reduce
24 alcohol abuse among adults by making it illegal to sell, serve and make alcohol
25 accessible to individuals below the age of twenty-one, and to prohibit the sale of
26 alcohol between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the implementation of environmental prevention strategies that
2 establish a well-rounded support system – one that includes parents and families,
3 elected officials, community and cultural leaders, and the mass media – contribute
4 significantly to the reduction of alcohol-related harm for persons of all ages,
5 especially Guam’s youth; and

6 **WHEREAS**, local efforts on alcohol prevention and control is identified as one
7 of the prioritized strategies in combatting non-communicable diseases, and is
8 supported and sustained by the Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Consortium, an
9 action team comprised of public, private, and community-based organizations; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in line with this year’s “Alcohol Awareness Month” theme, “For
11 the Health of It: Early Education on Alcoholism and Addiction,” the members of the
12 NCD Consortium’s Alcohol Prevention and Control group are proudly launching “Do
13 the Right Thing,” a multimedia campaign that specifically targets the decision-leaders
14 in the families and in social groups. Campaign banners to be made available in the
15 villages, and television commercials, will aim to raise awareness of the efforts to
16 come in compliance with Public Law 32-001 (*the Guam Social Host Act*); and

17 **WHEREAS**, “Alcohol Awareness Month” is an opportunity for prevention,
18 early intervention and treatment service providers to work collaboratively with
19 members of the island’s community to raise awareness about the harms and the costs
20 of alcohol abuse, and the existence of prevention and treatment programs, and to
21 encourage individuals to seek these services; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the members of the NCD Consortium Alcohol Prevention and
23 Control Group are an energetic group of men and women from the community who
24 dedicate their expertise to address the island’s alcohol abuse concerns while working
25 to build capacity in prevention and education; and

1 **WHEREAS**, these dedicated individuals who make up the NCD Consortium
2 Alcohol Prevention and Control Group are: Co-Team Leader Audrey J.A. Topasna,
3 Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center; Co-Team Leader Rebecca Respicio,
4 Department of Youth Affairs; McEllen A. Alfred, Sara Beatrize G. Dimla, Hentrick
5 Eveluck, and Don Sabang, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center; Stephanie
6 Guzman, Sanctuary, Inc.; Mary Jean Jacar, Diagnostic Laboratory Services; Gayle
7 Osborn and Sean Rupley, Youth for Youth Live Guam; John Ray Taitano, Alcoholic
8 Beverage Control Board; Thomas Talavera, Just Say No Dance Crew; Remylynn
9 Yamanaka, University of Guam; and Officer Paul Tapao, Guam Police Department;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam now join the National Council on Alcoholism
12 and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD), and its local partners at the Guam Behavioral
13 Health and Wellness Center, the Department of Youth Affairs, the Department of
14 Public Health and Social Services, the Mayors Council of Guam, and the Non-
15 Communicable Disease Consortium, in observing “Alcohol Awareness Month” on
16 Guam during the month of April 2015; now therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na*
18 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
19 of Guam, recognize and congratulate the members of the Alcohol Prevention and
20 Control Group of the Non-Communicable Disease Consortium, and the entire NCD
21 Consortium, on the observance of “Alcohol Awareness Month” during April 2015;
22 and does further extend *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to them for their work in
23 advocating for the prevention of alcohol abuse for the people of Guam; and be it
24 further

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
26 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of

1 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Roselie Zabala, Department of Public
2 Health and Social Services' Non-Communicable Disease Consortium; to Ms. Audrey
3 J. A. Topasna and Ms. Rebecca Respicio, Co-Team Leaders; to the members of the
4 Alcohol Prevention and Control Team: McEllen A. Alfred, Sara Beatriz G. Dimla,
5 Hentrick Eveluck, Don Sabang, Stephanie Guzman, Mary Jean Jacar, Gayle Osborn,
6 Sean Rupley, John Ray Taitano, Thomas Talavera, Remylynn Yamanaka, and Officer
7 Paul Tapao; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guahan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 17TH DAY
OF APRIL 2015.**



BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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Legislative Secretary

