

**I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2008 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Executive Committee  
Resolution No. 193**

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**Relative to recognizing the month of May as “National Drug Court Month” and to commend all local practitioners who contribute to the success of the Judiciary of Guam’s Drug Court Programs.**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**  
2        ***MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3        **WHEREAS,** drug courts combine judicial accountability and evidence-  
4        based treatment to effectively intervene against substance abuse and related  
5        crime; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the results of more than one hundred (100) program  
2 evaluations and at least four (4) experimental studies have yielded definitive  
3 evidence that drug courts are demonstratively effective and significantly  
4 improve substance-abuse treatment outcomes, substantially reduce crime, and  
5 produce greater cost benefits than other justice strategies; and

6           **WHEREAS**, the judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, substance abuse  
7 treatment, and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement and community  
8 supervision personnel, researchers and educators, national and community  
9 leaders and others dedicated to the movement have had a profound impact  
10 within their communities; and

11           **WHEREAS**, the drug court movement has grown from the twelve (12)  
12 original drug courts, in 1994, to 2100 operational drug courts as of December  
13 2007; and

14           **WHEREAS**, the week of May 5 to 9, 2008, marks “National Drug Court  
15 Commencement Week”, which celebrates the promise of recovery, restoring  
16 hope to drug court graduates and their families; now, therefore, be it

17           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*  
18 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the  
19 people of Guam, recognize the month of May 2008 as “National Drug Court  
20 Month” and does further recognize the week of May 5 to 9, 2008, as “National  
21 Drug Court Commencement Week”; and, be it further

22           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*  
23 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the  
24 people of Guam, commend all practitioners and participants who make drug

1 courts work and the significant contributions that drug courts have made, and  
2 continue to make, in reducing drug usage and crime; and be it further

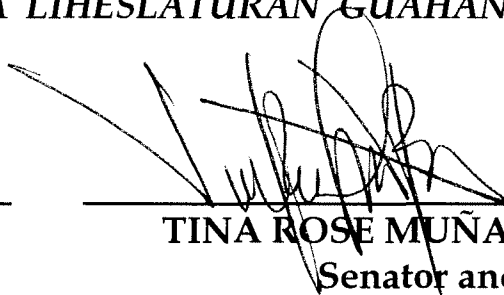
3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive  
4 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
5 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable  
6 Robert Torres, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam; to the Honorable  
7 Steven S. Unpingco, Judge, Superior Court of Guam and Adult Drug Court  
8 Judge; to the Honorable Arthur R. Barcinas, Judge, Superior Court of Guam  
9 and Juvenile Drug Court Judge; to the Honorable Alicia G. Limtiaco, Attorney  
10 General of Guam; to the Drug Court Programs Office; to the National  
11 Association of Drug Court Professionals; to the National Council of Juvenile  
12 and Family Court Judges; to the Guam Chamber of Commerce; to the  
13 Department of Youth Affairs; to the Department of Corrections; to Sanctuary,  
14 Incorporated; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF MAY 2008.**



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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
Speaker and  
Chairperson, Executive Committee



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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature