

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

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 247**

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**Relative to recognizing the week of October 23 through 31, 2008, as “Red Ribbon Campaign Week”, and to encourage the people of Guam to support activities that raise awareness and encourages prevention of substance abuse.**

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

3        **WHEREAS,** alcohol and other drug abuse on our island and the nation  
4        have reached epidemic proportions. As an Island community we value the

1 health and safety of all our citizens, especially Guam’s youth. Today we face  
2 many challenges as we try to protect our people from the ongoing battle of  
3 substance abuse; and

4       **WHEREAS**, substance abuse, either through the use of drugs or alcohol,  
5 not only has a negative effect on individuals, families, businesses, and schools,  
6 but is a contributing factor in the three (3) leading causes of death among  
7 adolescents – accidents, homicides and suicide; and

8       **WHEREAS**, recognizing the seriousness of this threat, concerned  
9 individuals initiated the first “**Red Ribbon Campaign**” in 1986. This  
10 grassroots effort emphasized education and the importance of instructing  
11 children and teenagers about the dangers of drug and alcohol use. Since then,  
12 significant progress has been made in reducing drug and alcohol abuse  
13 among Guam’s young adults; and

14       **WHEREAS**, Guam’s participation in this national effort was started by  
15 the Dededo Drug-Free Organization (now known as Youth For Youth LIVE!  
16 Guam) in 1988; and

17       **WHEREAS**, with this year’s theme, “*Ask Me. See Me. Be Me. I’m Drug*  
18 *Free!*”, a wide variety of activities have been planned, to include a poster  
19 contest open to all students on Guam and various drug awareness  
20 presentations conducted by coalition members at our schools. These events  
21 are made possible by the Red Ribbon Campaign Committee, comprised of the  
22 U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency; the Guam Chamber of Commerce; the

1 KUAM Care Force; the Guam National Guard Counterdrug Program; the  
2 Pacific Daily News; the Judiciary of Guam - Juvenile Drug Court; the U.S.  
3 Attorney's Office; the Guam Police Department; the Guam Public School  
4 System; the Guam Fire Department; the Department of Youth Affairs; the  
5 Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse – Prevention and Training  
6 Branch (the Governor's PEACE Project); Sanctuary, Incorporated; Island Girl  
7 Power; the Marianas Variety; Office of the Governor; Guam Customs &  
8 Quarantine Agency; U.S. District Court; Youth For Youth LIVE! Guam; the  
9 U.S. Naval Forces Marianas; Sorensen Media Group; and the Agana Shopping  
10 Center. This awareness effort, aimed towards Guam's community, is a chance  
11 to further our mission's desire for a drug-free community; and

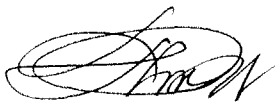
12       **WHEREAS**, it is the goal of this *"Red Ribbon Campaign"* to involve  
13 families, schools, businesses, churches, law enforcement agencies and service  
14 organizations in all aspects of this campaign and to establish an atmosphere  
15 that supports awareness, education and on-going initiatives to prevent illegal  
16 drug use; and

17       **WHEREAS**, on the occasion of *"Red Ribbon Week," I Mina'Bente Nuebi*  
18 *Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* encourages all residents to consider ways to  
19 participate in this important effort. As we build upon the successes of the  
20 past, we strengthen the Guam of tomorrow, and with strong resolve and  
21 creative leadership, protect our community from the preventable dangers of  
22 alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse; now, therefore, be it

1           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*  
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
3 people of Guam, recognize October 23 through 31, 2008, as "*Red Ribbon*  
4 *Campaign Week*", and does encourage the people of Guam to support activities  
5 that raise awareness of the cause and encourage prevention of substance  
6 abuse by wearing a red ribbon throughout the week in recognition of their  
7 commitment to a healthy, drug-free lifestyle and our commitment as a whole  
8 to be a drug-free Guam; and be it further

9           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive  
10 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
11 hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the members of  
12 the Red Ribbon Campaign Committee; to the Mayors' Council of Guam; to the  
13 Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to United States  
14 Congress; 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 18<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF OCTOBER 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