

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 60

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Relative to recognizing the month of May 2007 as “National Drug Court Month”, and May 27 through May 31, 2007 as “National Drug Court Commencement Week” and to commending the practitioners and participants who make drug courts work, resulting in a significant decrease in substance abuse and crimes related to drug dependency.

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

3 WHEREAS, the Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts combine judicial
4 accountability and evidence-based treatment to effectively intervene against
5 substance abuse and related crimes; and

1 **WHEREAS**, more than one hundred (100) program evaluations and at
2 least four (4) experimental studies have proved that drug courts are effective
3 and significantly improve substance-abuse treatment outcomes, substantially
4 reduce crime, and produce greater cost benefits than other judicial strategies
5 regarding drug-involved individuals; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, medical
7 professionals, law enforcement officers, community leaders and others
8 dedicated to drug courts have had a profound impact on their communities;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, as of December 2006, one thousand nine hundred twenty-
11 seven (1,927) drug courts were operating throughout the United States and
12 Territories, an increase from just twelve (12) original drug courts in 1994; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Adult Drug Court focuses on a treatment approach that
14 creates cost-savings for the criminal justice system, and increases the
15 likelihood of successful rehabilitation; and

16 **WHEREAS**, patterned on the Adult Drug Court, the Juvenile Drug
17 Court program was established in response to adolescent abuse of drugs and
18 alcohol on Guam, and provides intensive supervision and substance abuse
19 treatment to youths aged 13 to 17 years who have committed non-violent
20 offenses but exhibit substance abuse behavior; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the mission of the Juvenile Drug Court is to integrate drug
22 treatment services with the juvenile justice system, including law enforcement
23 personnel, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and educational system
24 representatives; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the week of May 27 through May 31, 2007 marks “National
2 Drug Court Commencement Week”, which celebrates the promise of recovery
3 and the restoration of hope to drug court graduates and their families; now,
4 therefore, be it

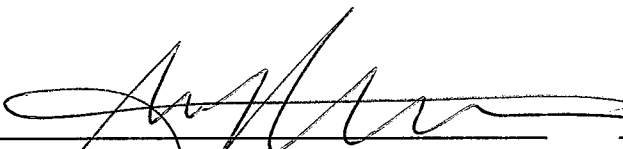
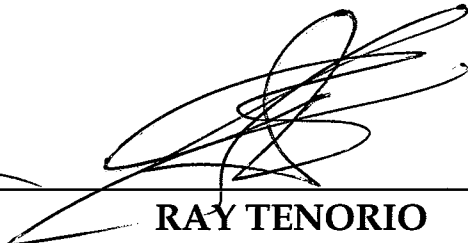
5 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na*
6 *Lihsaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihsaturan Guåhan* and the
7 people of Guam, recognize the month of May 2007 as “National Drug Court
8 Month” and the week of May 27 through May 31, 2007 as “National Drug
9 Court Commencement Week”; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na Lihsaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
11 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the practitioners and participants
12 who make drug courts work, thus creating a significant decrease in substance
13 abuse and crimes related to drug use; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
15 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
16 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable
17 F. Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam; to the
18 Honorable Steven S. Unpingco, Judge, Superior Court of Guam and Adult
19 Drug Court Judge; to the Honorable Arthur R. Barcinas Judge, Superior Court
20 of Guam and Juvenile Drug Court Judge; to the Honorable Alicia G. Limtiaco,
21 Attorney General of Guam; to the Drug Court Programs Office; to the
22 National Association of Drug Court Professionals; to the National Council of
23 Juvenile and Family Court Judges; to the Guam Chamber of Commerce; to the
24 Department of Youth Affairs; to the Department of Corrections; and to the

- 1 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; and to the Honorable
- 2 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 4TH DAY OF MAY 2007.

 _____ MARK FORBES Speaker and Chairman, Executive Committee	 _____ RAY TENORIO Senator and Secretary of the Legislature
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