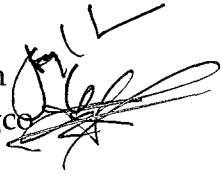


I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 60

Introduced by:

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Ray Tenorio



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

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

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 crime; and

6 **WHEREAS,** results of more than one hundred (100) program
7 evaluations and at least four (4) experimental studies have yielded definitive
8 evidence that drug courts are demonstratively effective and significantly
9 improve substance-abuse treatment outcomes, substantially reduce crime,
10 and produce greater cost benefits than other justice strategies among drug-
11 involved individuals before the court; and

12 **WHEREAS,** the judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, substance
13 abuse treatment and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement,

1 community leaders and others dedicated to the movement have had a
2 profound impact within their communities; and

3 **WHEREAS**, as of December 2006, one thousand nine hundred twenty-
4 seven (1,927) drug courts were operational throughout the United States and
5 Territories up from just twelve (12) original drug courts in 1994; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the focus, in the Adult Drug Court, is a treatment
7 approach that results in cost-savings to the criminal justice system, and
8 increases the likelihood of successful, rehabilitated community members; and

9 **WHEREAS**, through a collaborative team approach, the members of
10 the judicial system and these criminal offenders that partake in the Adult
11 Drug Court program work together toward a successful recovery and
12 reintegration into the community as productive, law-abiding citizens; and

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

18 **WHEREAS**, the mission of the Juvenile Drug Court is to integrate drug
19 treatment services with the juvenile justice system, including law
20 enforcement personnel, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and education system
21 representatives; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the week of May 27 through May 31, 2007 marks
23 "National Drug Court Commencement Week," which celebrates the promise
24 of recovery, restoring hope to drug court graduates and their families; now,
25 therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina Nuebi Na*
2 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize
3 the month of May 2007 as “National Drug Court Month” and the week of
4 May 27 through May 31, 2007 as “National Drug Court Commencement
5 Week”; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’ Nuebi Na Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
7 behalf of the people of Guam, commend the practitioners and participants
8 who make drug courts work, resulting in a significant decrease in substance
9 abuse and crimes related to drug use and dependency; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
11 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
12 thereafter transmitted to the Honorable F. Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice of
13 the Supreme Court of Guam, Judiciary of Guam; the Honorable Steven S.
14 Unpingco, Judge, Superior Court of Guam and Adult Drug Court Judge; the
15 Honorable Arthur R. Barcinas Judge, Superior Court of Guam and Juvenile
16 Drug Court Judge; the Honorable Alicia G. Limtiaco, Attorney General of
17 Guam; to the Drug Court Programs Office; to the National Association of
18 Drug Court Professionals; to the National Council of Juvenile and Family
19 Court Judges; to the Guam Chamber of Commerce; to the Department of
20 Youth Affairs; to the Department of Corrections; and to the Department of
21 Mental Health and Substance Abuse; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho,
22 *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

23 DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA’BENTE NUEBI NA*
24 *LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE ____ DAY OF ____ 2007.

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26 **MARK FORBES**
27 Speaker

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26 **RAY TENORIO**
27 Senator and Secretary of the Legislature