## I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 1/3 (LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing December 2005 as "Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month" and to extend a *un Dångkolo' na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to employees of the Department of Public Works Office of Highway Safety, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Guam Police Department Highway Patrol Division, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse employees and volunteers of the Holiday Hotline, whose efforts to promote safety on our roadways during the holidays will have residual effects, throughout the year.

## 1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN

2 GUÅHAN:

3 **WHEREAS**, drunk and drugged driving continues to threaten the 4 well-being of our local community, as well as our visitors; and

5 WHEREAS, to date in the year 2005, there have been twenty-one, (21)

6 traffic fatalities, some of which were due to drunk and drugged drivers; and

7 WHEREAS, during recent months, at least one traffic fatality was8 caused by a driver who was under the influence of inhalants; and

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WHEREAS, as drunk and drugged driving continues to threaten the
 safety of our people, a coalition of Government of Guam agencies and
 community organizations have put forth efforts to promote highway safety
 through a variety of campaigns and enforcement programs; and

5 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works Office of Highway Safety 6 has developed a media campaign highlighting the results of drunk and 7 drugged driving with consequences of incarceration and in worse case 8 scenarios, death; and

9 WHEREAS, the Guam Police Department has intensified their Operation 10 DUI program with the introduction of "HEAT", which is the acronym 11 describing their DUI enforcement team known as the 'Holiday Enforcement 12 Action Team'; and

13 WHEREAS, in addition to the efforts of 'HEAT' the Guam Police 14 Department's Highway Patrol Division has now been equipped with a DUI van 15 used as part of Operation DUI; and

16 WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General has adopted a zero 17 tolerance policy regarding prosecution of individuals who have been arrested 18 for driving under the influence; and

WHEREAS, through continual efforts of Mothers Against Drunk Driving
the message of the importance of being sober when driving is promoted yearround; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health and Social Services HolidayHotline employees and volunteers will once again make personal sacrifices of

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1 time and energy to council individuals who may turn to the use of drugs and2 alcohol as a means to cope during the holiday season; and

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3 WHEREAS, with the month long calendar of events, the Department of 4 Public Works Office of Highway Safety; the Guam Police Department, MADD; 5 the Department of Public Health and Social Services, Holiday Hotline 6 employees and volunteers; and the Office of the Attorney General, there is hope 7 that the island will benefit from all of the efforts put forth, by taking heed of the 8 important messages; and

9 WHEREAS, our island community joins the nation in recognizing the
10 month of December 2005 as "Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month"
11 and the importance of being sober when driving; now therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED** that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does 13 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the month of December 14 2005, as "Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month" with efforts put 15 forth to warn drivers of the hazards of driving under the influence; and be it 16 further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Legislative Secretary 18 attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter 19 transmitted to the Department of Public Works Office of Highway Safety; the 20 Guam Police Department Highway Patrol Division; the Office of the Attorney 21 General; Mothers Against Drunk Drivers; the Department of Public Health and 22 Social Services Holiday Hotline; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I* 23 *Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

## DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA

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## LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 29th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2005.

MARK FORBES Speaker Executive Committee Chairman EDWARD J.B. CALVO Senator Secretary of the Legislature

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