




I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Resolution No. 147 (LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the month of May 2006 as 'National Drug Court Month' and the week of May 22nd through May 26th, 2006 as 'National Drug Court Commencement Week' and commending the practitioners and participants whom make drug courts work, resulting in significantly less drug usage and crime.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I
LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:**

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

WHEREAS, results of more than one hundred (100) program evaluations and at least three experimental studies have yielded definitive evidence that drug courts increase treatment retention and reduce substance abuse and crime among drug-involved individuals before the court; and

WHEREAS, the judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement, community leaders and individuals dedicated to the movement have had a profound impact within their communities; and

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WHEREAS, the drug court movement has grown from the twelve (12) original drug courts in 1994 to one thousand seven hundred fifty-three (1,753) operational drug courts as of December 2005; and

WHEREAS, the week of May 22nd through 26th, 2006 marks 'National Drug Court Commencement Week,' which celebrates the promise to recovery, restoring hope to drug court graduates and their families; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognizes the month of May 2006 as 'National Drug Court Month' and the week of May 22nd through May 26th, 2006 as 'National Drug Court Commencement Week'; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend practitioners and participants whom make drug courts work, resulting in significantly less drug usage and crime; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and Chairman of the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Juvenile Drug Court Judge, the Honorable Elizabeth Barrett Anderson; to the Superior Court of Guam Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts; to all members of the Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts; to all members of the Adult and Juvenile Drug Court Executive Committees; to the Honorable F. Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice of the Judiciary of Guam; to the Honorable Alberto C. Lamorena III, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Guam; to all Justices of the Supreme

Court of Guam; to all Judges of the Superior Court of Guam; to the United States Department of Justice; to the Honorable Robert o Gonzales, Attorney General of the United States; to the Drug Court Programs Office; to the National Association of Drug Court Professionals; to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; to the Guam Chamber of Commerce; to the Department of Youth Affairs; to the Department of Corrections; and to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS _____ DAY OF MAY, 2006.

MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Executive Committee Chairman

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature