


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

Resolution No. 61 <sup>(EC)</sup>  
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Introduced by:

R. J. Respicio   
B. J. Cruz  
F. B. Aguon, Jr.

**Relative to recognizing April 18 to April 22, 2005 as "Reach Out Now Teach-In Week" and also recognizing Island Girl Power/Ayuda Foundation and Mothers Against Drunk and Drugged Driving (MADD) Guam Chapter and the many individuals, organizations and corporations that are donating their time, effort and money in support of this program.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**

**WHEREAS**, alcohol use among children and adolescents starts early and increases rapidly with age, and in Guam and throughout the states and territories it has been estimated that there are about 11 million drinkers under the legal age; and

**WHEREAS**, by the time youngsters reach the eighth grade, nearly 46 percent have used alcohol illegally at least once, and more than 20 percent report having been "drunk," and in Guam, underage alcohol use is more likely to kill a young person than is the use and abuse of all illegal drugs combined; and

**WHEREAS**, family factors, such as parent-child relationships, discipline methods, communication, monitoring and supervision, and parental involvement, has been shown to exert a significant influence on youth alcohol use; and

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**WHEREAS**, children, with the care and support from family, friends, health professionals, teachers, clergy, and others, can avoid the negative effects of the illegal use of alcohol and drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as well as the local organizations Island Girl Power/Ayuda Foundation and Mothers Against Drunk and Drugged Driving (MADD) Guam Chapter, invite all residents of Guam to participate in the *Reach Out Now* Teach-In Week being held during the week of April 18 to April 22; and

**WHEREAS**, during the *Reach Out Now* Teach-In Week, parents, caregivers, teachers and all residents of Guam are encouraged to contribute toward preventing underage alcohol use and illegal drug use by helping children to learn about the harmful effects of such use and teaching them how they can resist pressure to get involved in the illegal use of alcohol and drugs, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize April 18 to April 22, 2005 as "*Reach Out Now* Teach-In Week," during which time the people of Guam are encouraged to help prevent underage alcohol use and illegal drug use by teaching children about the harmful effects of such use and how to resist peer pressure, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* encourages all elected officials to join in and donate time and effort to helping educate our youth about the dangers of illegal alcohol and drug use, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby recognize the many local individuals, organizations and

corporations that are donating their time, effort and money in support of this program including Island Girl Power/Ayuda Foundation and MADD Guam Chapter, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Island Girl Power/Ayuda Foundation, to MADD Guam Chapter, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahren Guåhan.