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

Resolution No. 74 (EC)

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Relative to recognizing the month of May 2005 as "National Drug Court Month" and commending practitioners and participants who make drug courts work and the significant contributions that drug courts have made, and continue to make, in reducing drug usage and crime.

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA 'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, drug courts provide the focus and leadership for community-wide, anti-drug systems, bringing together criminal justice, treatment, education and other community partners in the fight against drug abuse and criminality; and

WHEREAS, drug court programs combine intensive judicial supervision, mandatory substance abuse treatment and drug testing and escalating sanctions and incentives in order to break the cycle of drug addiction and its concomitant crime; and

WHEREAS, the judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, treatment and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement and corrections personnel, researchers and educators, national and community leaders and others

dedicated to the movement have had a profound impact through hard work and commitment to their communities; and

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WHEREAS, the drug court movement has grown from the twelve (12) original drug courts in 1994 to over one thousand two hundred (1,200) drug courts that are in operation or in the planning stages; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina 'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the month of May 2005 as "National Drug Court Month," and further commends the practitioners and participants who make drug courts work and the significant contributions that drug courts have made, and continue to make, in reducing drug usage and crime; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attests 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 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, 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 Roberto 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

- 1 the Department of Youth Affairs; to the Department of Corrections; and to the
- 2 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; and to the Honorable
- 3 Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 13 DAY OF MAY, 2005.

MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee

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