I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2006 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 147 (LS)

As amended.

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

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

- 2 GUÅHAN:
- 3 WHEREAS, drug courts combine judicial accountability and evidence-
- 4 based treatment to effectively intervene against substance abuse and related
- 5 crime; and

WHEREAS, the results of more than one hundred (100) program 1 2 evaluations and at least three (3) experimental studies have yielded definitive evidence that drug courts facilitate treatment and reduce substance abuse and 3 crime among drug-involved individuals before the court; and 4 5 WHEREAS, the judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement, community 6 7 leaders and individuals dedicated to the movement have had a profound 8 impact within their communities; and WHEREAS, the drug court movement has grown from the twelve (12) 9 original drug courts in 1994, to one thousand seven hundred fifty-three (1,753) 10 11 operational drug courts as of December 2005; and WHEREAS, the week of May 22 through 26, 2006 marks "National Drug 12 13 Court Commencement Week", which celebrates the promise of recovery, restoring hope to drug court graduates and their families; now, therefore, be it 14 15 RESOLVED, that I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, 16 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the month of May 2006 as "National Drug Court Month" and the week of May 22 through May 26, 2006 17 18 as "National Drug Court Commencement Week"; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, 19 20 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend practitioners and participants 21 who make drug courts work, resulting in significantly less drug usage and

RESOLVED, that the Speaker 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

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crime; and be it further

1 Elizabeth Barrett Anderson; to the Superior Court of Guam Adult and

2 Juvenile Drug Courts; to all members of the Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts;

3 to all members of the Adult and Juvenile Drug Court Executive Committees;

4 to the Honorable F. Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice of the Judiciary of Guam;

5 to the Honorable Alberto C. Lamorena III, Presiding Judge of the Superior

6 Court of Guam; to all Justices of the Supreme Court of Guam; to all Judges of

7 the Superior Court of Guam; to the United States Department of Justice; to the

8 Honorable Roberto Gonzales, Attorney General of the United States; to the

9 Drug Court Programs Office; to the National Association of Drug Court

10 Professionals; to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; to

11 the Guam Chamber of Commerce; to the Department of Youth Affairs; to the

12 Department of Corrections; and to the Department of Mental Health and

13 Substance Abuse; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen

14 Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 24THv DAY OF MAY 2006.

MARK FORBES

Speaker

EDWARD J.B. CALVO

Senator and

Secretary of the Legislature