

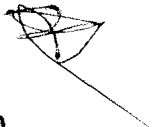
I MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 187 (LS)

Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2008 AS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH SPONSORED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION'S CENTER FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT (CSAT).

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:**

2 **WHEREAS**, National Recovery Month takes place every September and is sponsored by
3 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health
4 Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT); and

5 **WHEREAS**, the theme for National Recovery Month this September 2008 is "Join the
6 Voices For Recovery – Real People, Real Recovery"; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the goal of the Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Recovery Month
8 is to bring together people with substance use disorders, their families, and treatment providers to
9 share stories and empower others to take the necessary steps toward recovery; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Recovery Month recognizes the impact that real people and real stories
11 have on recovery. Several government agencies, non-profit agencies, and private treatment
12 providers have joined forces to spread the word that addiction is a medical illness and that
13 treatment is effective and recovery from drug or alcohol addiction is possible; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in honor of Recovery Month this joint force planned various community
15 activities, including a Proclamation Signing at the Governor's Office on August 22; a "Too Cool
16 to do Drugs" Conference, sponsored by Sanctuary, Inc. on September 1; an Open House, hosted
17 by the Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse – "New Beginnings" program, on
18 September 5; an Open House, hosted by Sanctuary, Inc. on September 11; a Serenity Walk at
19 Ypao Beach, on September 13; a "Systems of Care" Conference, sponsored by I-Famagon'ta,
20 from September 15-17; an Open House, hosted by the Oases Empowerment Center, on

1 September 17; a public outreach event at the Guam Premier Outlets, on September 20; an Open
2 House, hosted by the Lighthouse Recovery Center, on September 22; and a Family Picnic at
3 Ypao Beach Park on September 27, and commencing with this Luncheon Banquet Event, today,
4 September 30; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the local partners, and their representatives, of the Recovery Month
6 Planning Committee are Sanctuary, Inc., which is the lead Agency of all Recovery Month
7 Activities, represented by Sarah Thomas Nedadog, the Department of Mental Health &
8 Substance Abuse, New Beginnings Treatment Program, represented by Don Sabang, and
9 Prevention & Early Intervention Advisory Community Empowerment (PEACE), represented by
10 Barbara Benavente, the Salvation Army Corps – Lighthouse Recovery Center, represented by
11 Greg Borja, the Oasis Empowerment Center, represented by Annamarie Kenny, the Superior
12 Court of Guam’s Adult & Juvenile Drug Courts, represented by Samantha Brennan, and Serenity
13 By The Sea, represented by Kathryn Davis-Finch; and

14 **WHEREAS**; the members of this partnership deserve strong commendation for their
15 hard work in tackling such a pressing and prevalent problem facing our island residents. These
16 organizations willingly provide the much needed services to patients and their families which
17 provide a ray of hope for a healthier future for the individuals affected and our island
18 community. Most important to note, these organizations and the individuals who make it happen
19 deserve to be recognized not only this September, but for the duration of the recovery process:
20 all day, every day, week, month, and year; now therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’ Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people
22 of Guam, does hereby extend a congratulations to those who have “Join[ed] The Voices For
23 Recovery” – the members of the Recovery Month Planning Committee and the organizations
24 that sponsored the various activities, and most especially, to the “Real People” who’ve
25 accomplished “Real Recovery” – the individuals who have successfully recovered from
26 substance abuse and who willingly serve as examples to inspire others to overcome all speed
27 bumps on the road to recovery; now be it further

28 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Secretary of the Legislature certify and attest to
29 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Sanctuary, Inc.,
30 which is the lead Agency of all Recovery Month Activities, the Department of Mental Health &
31 Substance Abuse, New Beginnings Treatment Program and Prevention & Early Intervention

1 Advisory Community Empowerment (PEACE), the Salvation Army Corps – Lighthouse
2 Recovery Center, the Oasis Empowerment Center, the Superior Court of Guam’s Adult &
3 Juvenile Drug Courts, and Serenity By The Sea, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
4 *Magalahen Guåhan.*

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN*
***GUÅHAN* ON THE DAY OF 2007.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Secretary of the Legislature