

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to proclaiming the week of October 23 – 31, 2007 as “Red Ribbon Campaign Week” and to encourage the people of Guam to support activities that raise awareness and encourage prevention of substance abuse and to call upon every resident to wear a red ribbon throughout the week in recognition of their commitment to a healthy, drug-free lifestyle and our commitment to a drug-free Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, alcohol and other drug abuse in our island and the Nation has
4 reached an epidemic proportions. As an Island community we value the health and
5 safety of all our citizens especially Guam’s youth. Today we face many challenges as
6 we try to protect our teenagers from the ongoing battle of substance abuse; and

7 **WHEREAS**, substance abuse, either through the use of drugs or alcohol, not
8 only has a negative affect on individuals, families, businesses, and schools, but it is a
9 contributing factor in the three leading causes of death among adolescence –
10 accidents, homicides, suicide; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the “Red Ribbon Campaign” started when drug traffickers in
12 Mexico City murdered Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agent Enrique
13 “Kiki” Camarena in 1985. This began the continuing tradition of displaying Red

1 Ribbons as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of illegal drugs. The mission of
2 the Red Ribbon Campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the
3 creation of a DRUG-FREE AMERICA; and

4 **WHEREAS**, recognizing the seriousness of this threat, the National Family
5 Partnership initiated the first “**Red Ribbon Campaign**” in 1986. This grassroots
6 effort emphasized education and the importance of instructing children, teenagers,
7 families, and communities about the dangers of drug and alcohol use. It is now the
8 oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation reaching millions of young
9 people, families, and communities during the week. Since then, significant progress
10 has been made in reducing drug and alcohol abuse among Guam’s young adults; and

11 **WHEREAS**, with this year’s theme “**LOOK AT ME, I’M DRUG FREE!**” some of
12 this year’s activities include a 5K Run/Walk, a Drug-Free Carnival and a “Say Boo to
13 Drugs” Halloween. These events are made possible by the Red Ribbon Campaign
14 Committee comprised of U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Guam Chamber of
15 Commerce, KUAM Care Force, Guam National Guard Counterdrug Program, the
16 Pacific Daily News, Judiciary - Juvenile Drug Court , the U.S. District Court of
17 Guam, the U.S. Attorney’s Office, G.I.F.T.S., Guam Police Department, Guam Public
18 School System, Guam Fire Department, Department of Youth Affairs, the Governor’s
19 PEACE Project, Sanctuary Incorporated, Island Girl Power, Department of Mental
20 Health and Substance Abuse, the Marianas Variety, Payless Supermarkets, Office of
21 the Governor and the Judiciary of Guam. This awareness effort, aimed at Guam’s
22 community, will concentrate on promoting healthy choices and lifestyles that are both
23 drug and violence free; and

24 **WHEREAS**, it is the goal of this “**Red Ribbon Campaign**” to involve families,
25 schools, business, churches, law enforcement agencies and service organizations in all
26 aspects of this campaign and establish an atmosphere that supports awareness,
27 education and on-going initiatives to prevent illegal drug use; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on the occasion of “*Red Ribbon Week*,” *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* encourages all residents to consider ways to participate in this
3 important effort. As we build upon the successes of the past, we strengthen the Guam
4 of tomorrow, and with strong resolve and creative leadership, protect our community
5 from the preventable dangers of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse; now therefore
6 be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby
8 request *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* to proclaim the October 23 – 31, 2007 as “*Red Ribbon*
9 *Campaign Week*” and to encourage the people of Guam to support activities that raise
10 awareness and encourage prevention of substance abuse; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby
12 call upon every resident to wear a red ribbon throughout the week in recognition of
13 their commitment to a healthy, drug-free lifestyle and our commitment to a drug-free
14 Guam; and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby
16 urge all citizens to join in the week’s activities and to work all year long to protect our
17 community from the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs; and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature
19 attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
20 the members of the Red Ribbon Campaign Committee; to the Mayors’ Council of
21 Guam’ to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam’s Delegate to the United States
22 Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.