

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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Relative to recognizing September 2008 as “National Recovery Month”, commending the local partners of Guam’s recovery month committee, and congratulating those who have successfully recovered from substance abuse.

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

3 **WHEREAS, “National Recovery Month” takes place every September**
4 **and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the**

1 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s Center for
2 Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT); and

3 **WHEREAS**, the theme for National Recovery Month this September
4 2008 is “Join the Voices For Recovery – Real People, Real Recovery”; and

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

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

14 **WHEREAS**, in honor of Recovery Month, various community activities
15 took place, including a Proclamation Signing at the Governor’s Office on
16 August 22; a “Too Cool to do Drugs” Conference, sponsored by Sanctuary,
17 Inc. on September 1; an Open House, hosted by the Department of Mental
18 Health & Substance Abuse - “New Beginnings” program, on September 5; an
19 Open House, hosted by Sanctuary, Inc. on September 11; a Serenity Walk at
20 *Ypao* Beach, on September 13; a “Systems of Care” Conference, sponsored by
21 *I- Famagu-on’ta*, from September 15-17; an Open House, hosted by the Oasis
22 Empowerment Center, on September 17; a public outreach event at the Guam
23 Premier Outlets, on September 20; an Open House, hosted by the Lighthouse
24 Recovery Center, on September 22; and a Family Picnic at *Ypao* Beach Park on

1 September 27, and concluding with this Luncheon Banquet Event, today,
2 September 30; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the local partners, and their representatives, of Guam's
4 Recovery Month Committee are Sanctuary, Inc., which is this year's lead
5 agency of all recovery month activities, represented by Sarah Thomas
6 Nededog, Daniel Duenas, Dawn Cruz and Marcela Moody; the Department of
7 Mental Health & Substance Abuse, New Beginnings Treatment Program,
8 represented by Don Sabang, Athena Duenas and Valerie Reyes; and
9 Prevention & Early Intervention Advisory Community Empowerment
10 (PEACE), represented by Barbara Benavente and Christine Camacho; the
11 Salvation Army Corps - Lighthouse Recovery Center, represented by Greg
12 Borja and Paula Perez; the Oasis Empowerment Center, represented by
13 Reverend Robert Zimmerman, and Annamarie Kenny; the Superior Court of
14 Guam's Adult & Juvenile Drug Courts, represented by Samantha Brennan;
15 and Serenity By The Sea, represented by Kathryn Davis-Finch; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the members of this partnership deserve the highest
17 accolades for their hard work in tackling such a pressing and prevalent
18 problem facing our island residents. These organizations willingly provide
19 much needed services that provide a ray of hope for a healthier future for the
20 individuals affected, their families, and our entire island community. Most
21 important to note, these organizations and the individuals who make things
22 happen, must be commended not only for their work done this September,
23 but for their dedication and commitment to their jobs and their clients for the

1 duration of the recovery process: all day, every day, week, month, and year;
2 now, therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
4 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, extend congratulations to those who
5 “Join The Voices For Recovery”, to the members of Guam’s Recovery Month
6 Committee and the organizations that sponsored the various activities, and
7 most especially, to the “Real People” who’ve accomplished “Real Recovery”,
8 the individuals who have successfully recovered from substance abuse and
9 who willingly serve as examples to inspire others to overcome all speed
10 bumps on the road to recovery; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
12 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
13 thereafter transmitted to Sanctuary, Inc.; to the Department of Mental Health
14 and Substance Abuse New Beginnings Treatment Program; to the Prevention
15 and Early Intervention Advisory Community Empowerment (PEACE); to the
16 Salvation Army Corps - Lighthouse Recovery Center; to the Oasis
17 Empowerment Center; to the Superior Court of Guam’s Adult and Juvenile
18 Drug Courts; to the Serenity By The Sea; and to the Honorable Felix P.
19 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2008.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature