

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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Relative to proclaiming the week of October 23 through 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
4 has reached epidemic proportions. As an island community we value the
5 health and safety of all our citizens, especially Guam's youth. Today, we face

1 many challenges as we try to protect our teenagers from the ongoing battle of
2 substance abuse; and

3 **WHEREAS**, substance abuse, either through the use of drugs or alcohol,
4 not only has a negative affect on individuals, families, businesses, and schools,
5 but it is a contributing factor in the three (3) leading causes of death among
6 adolescence – accidents, homicides and suicide; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the *“Red Ribbon Campaign”* started when drug traffickers
8 in Mexico City murdered Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Agent
9 Enrique “Kiki” Camarena in 1985. This began the continuing tradition of
10 displaying Red Ribbons as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of illegal
11 drugs. The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign is to present a unified and
12 visible commitment towards the creation of a DRUG-FREE AMERICA; and

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

21 **WHEREAS**, with this year’s theme *“LOOK AT ME, I’M DRUG FREE!”* some
22 of this year’s activities include a 5K Run/Walk, a Drug-Free Carnival and a
23 *“Say Boo to Drugs”* Halloween. These events are made possible by the Red
24 Ribbon Campaign Committee comprised of the U.S. Drug Enforcement
25 Administration, the Guam Chamber of Commerce, the KUAM Care Force, the

1 Guam National Guard Counter Drug Program, the Pacific Daily News, the
2 Judiciary of Guam - Juvenile Drug Court , the U.S. District Court of Guam, the
3 U.S. Attorney's Office, G.I.F.T.S., the Guam Police Department, the Guam
4 Public School System, the Guam Fire Department, the Department of Youth
5 Affairs, the Governor's PEACE Project, Sanctuary, Inc., Island Girl Power, the
6 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the Marianas Variety,
7 Payless Supermarkets, Office of the Governor and the Judiciary of Guam.
8 This awareness effort, aimed at Guam's community, will concentrate on
9 promoting healthy choices and lifestyles that are both drug and violence free;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, it is the goal of this *"Red Ribbon Campaign"* to involve
12 families, schools, businesses, churches, law enforcement agencies and service
13 organizations in all aspects of this campaign and establish an atmosphere that
14 supports awareness, education and on-going initiatives to prevent illegal drug
15 use; and

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

22 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
23 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, request *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* to
24 proclaim the October 23 through 31, 2007 as *"Red Ribbon Campaign Week"*

1 and to encourage the people of Guam to support activities that raise
2 awareness and encourage prevention of substance abuse; and be it further

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

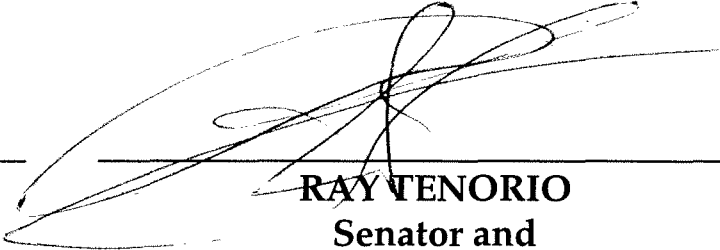
7 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby
8 urge all citizens to join in the week's activities and to work all year long to
9 protect our community from the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs;
10 and be it further

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 the members of the Red Ribbon Campaign
14 Committee; to the Mayors' Council of Guam; to the Honorable Madeleine Z.
15 Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the
16 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2007.**



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Acting Speaker



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Senator and
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