

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
87-38 (LS)	Therese M. Terlaje Telo T. Taitague	Relative to recognizing the observance of “Red Ribbon Month” during October 2025; and commending the Guam Department of Education, the Guam National Guard Counterdrug Program, community partners and individuals participating in the “2025 Red Ribbon Campaign” for their continued efforts in preventing drug, tobacco, and alcohol abuse and for encouraging youth participation in “Red Ribbon Week” during the week of October 23 through October 31, 2025.	8/15/25 2:52 p.m.	10/1/25 9:00 a.m.	8/15/25 2:52 p.m.					

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BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, smoking, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Center on Drug Abuse Statistics (NCDAS), approximately 1.16 million Americans are arrested annually for drug-related offenses; 80% of prison inmates abuse drugs or alcohol; 244,000 Americans are sent to prison each year for drug-related crimes; and 26% of all arrests in America are related to drug offenses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reports that each year 316,032 Americans are arrested for drunkenness; 10,511 deaths occur due to drunk driving; and 7,334 homicides involve alcohol as a contributing factor; and

WHEREAS, according to the Bureau of Statistics and Plans of Guam, drug and alcohol abuse continue to contribute to violent crime in Guam significantly; in 2020, alcohol-related arrests accounted for 8.1% of all cleared arrests, and alcohol remained a factor in approximately 17% of traffic-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) reported a substantial increase in behavioral health treatment demand in 2022, with 4,119 clients served, up from 3,790 in 2021, including 795 inpatient and 3,711 outpatient cases. The Mobile Crisis Response Team handled 1,119 cases, and Guam's 988 Crisis Lifeline fielded 8,437 calls in the same year, underscoring the growing mental health and substance use needs across the island; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2021 Guam State Epidemiological Profile, 12.6% of Guam adults reported marijuana use within the past 30 days; youth usage remains markedly higher, with one in four high school students reporting current use. Lifetime marijuana use among Guam youth also exceeds the U.S. median; and

WHEREAS, 10.2% of adults reported illicit drug use other than marijuana, less than 2% misused prescription medications, and 15.5% of high school students reported taking prescription pain medication without a doctor's prescription, an increase from 10.9% in 2017. Additionally, 6% of students had tried methamphetamine, 14% used synthetic marijuana, and 36% of high school students reported being offered, sold, or given an illicit drug on school property; and

WHEREAS, tobacco consumption in Guam remains significantly higher than U.S. averages. Adult smoking, although declining (from 33% in 2011 to about 20% in 2021), still exceeds most states and territories. Smokeless tobacco use among adults is more than double the U.S. rate, and among youth, nearly triple, with Micronesians reporting the highest rates; and

WHEREAS, vaping has emerged as a public health emergency on Guam. Among youth, 26.5% of high school students and 23.5% of middle school students report current e-cigarette use. Among adults, vaping prevalence nearly doubled between 2018 and 2019, with about 11.1% reporting current use in 2021. In 2024, Guam lawmakers and public health officials renewed efforts to restrict flavored nicotine products due to their significant appeal to youth; and

WHEREAS, current alcohol use, binge drinking, and heavy drinking among Guam adults are slightly lower than U.S. averages; however, Micronesians youth have the highest prevalence of binge drinking. Alcohol-related diseases, such as liver cancer, have risen in rank among major causes of cancer deaths on the island. Alcohol-related arrests comprised 8.1% of cleared cases in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon Campaign remains the nation's largest drug abuse prevention initiative, founded in memory of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena. In response to his tragic death in 1985, communities began wearing red ribbons to promote awareness of the dangers of drug abuse and to honor his legacy; and

WHEREAS, this year's Red Ribbon Week theme, “Life Is A Puzzle, Solve It Drug Free™”, was submitted by Cheryl Holsapfel, Digital Art Teacher, and Carter Weinmann, a student at Solon Middle School. The theme reminds us that each individual holds unique pieces to their life's journey, and choosing to live drug-free is a critical part of solving that puzzle; and

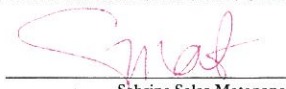
WHEREAS, each year, Guam joins the Red Ribbon Campaign to raise awareness about substance abuse and reaffirm our commitment to prevention, education, and community support; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the observance of “Red Ribbon Month” during October 2025; and commend the Guam Department of Education, the Guam National Guard Counterdrug Program, community partners and individuals participating in the “2025 Red Ribbon Campaign” for their continued efforts in preventing drug, tobacco, and alcohol abuse, and for encouraging youth participation in “Red Ribbon Week” during the week of October 23 through October 31, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Department of Education, Guam National Guard Counterdrug Program; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.


Frank F. Blas, Jr.
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Legislative Secretary




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9/29/25 8:59am
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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

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SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE

I Mina'trentai Ocho na Liheslaturan Guahan | 38th Guam Legislature

September 24, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders

From: Senator Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*

Subject: **Notice of Presentation - Resolution No. 87-38 (LS)**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of Resolution No. 87-38 (LS) - "Relative to recognizing and commending the Guam Department of Education, the Guam National Guard Counterdrug Program, community partners and individuals participating in the 2025 Red Ribbon Campaign for their continued efforts in preventing drug, tobacco, and alcohol abuse, and for promoting youth participation in Guam's observance of Red Ribbon Week, from October 23 through October 31, 2025."

Presentation Information:

Date: Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Presentation Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Baltazar P. Carbullido Elementary School, 156 Canada Toto Road, Barrigada

We look forward to your participation.

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