

**I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
159-36 (COR)	Telena Cruz Nelson Amanda L. Shelton Tina Rose Muña Barnes Jose "Pedo" Terlaje Joe S. San Agustin Mary Camacho Torres Christopher M. Dueñas James C. Moylan V. Anthony Ada	Relative to recognizing and observing Prescription Opioid and Heroin Epidemic Awareness Week on September 18 to September 24, 2021; and to further commending community stakeholders, organizations, and non-profits in their collaborative effort to prevent substance abuse.	9/7/21 2:57 p.m.	TBA	9/14/21					

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Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the community stakeholders, organizations, and non-profits for their collaborative efforts during the observance of "Prescription Opioid and Heroin Epidemic Awareness Week" from September 18 to September 24, 2021; and commending them for their commitment to combatting drug addiction and preventing substance abuse within our island community.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the misuse of and addiction to opioids, such as heroin, morphine, and other prescription pain medicines, is a serious national problem that affects public health, as well as our social and economic welfare; and the various known opioids are categorized as controlled substances by the United States federal government due to the addicting nature of the drugs; and

WHEREAS, the legalization of opioid use in the United States began in 1775; and when opioid drugs were used to treat injured soldiers during the Civil War in the 1860s, many became afflicted with addiction to its use; and

WHEREAS, prior to the enactment of the Harrison Narcotics Act of 1914, opioids were largely unregulated and easily accessible; and the Act was established to place restrictions on opioids in order to limit their commercial use; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act was enacted into law and created the five (5) classes of controlled substances that labeled the likelihood of addiction from the use of controlled substances; and the Controlled Substances Act, Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970, is the legal foundation of the United States government's fight against the abuse of drugs and other substances; and

WHEREAS, in the 1990s, pharmaceutical companies reassured the medical community that patients would not become addicted to prescription opioid pain relievers, and healthcare providers began to prescribe them at greater rates, which subsequently led to the misuse of these medications before it became clear that these medications could indeed be highly addictive; and

WHEREAS, roughly about twenty-one percent (21%) to twenty-nine percent (29%) of patients who are prescribed opioids for chronic pain misuse them; between eight percent (8%) and twelve percent (12%) of people using an opioid for chronic pain develop an opioid use disorder; and an estimated four percent (4%) to six percent (6%) who misuse prescription opioids transition to using heroin; and

WHEREAS, opioid overdose began to increase; in 2019, nearly fifty thousand (50,000) people died from an opioid-involved overdose; and in the United States, more than fourteen thousand (14,000) people died from a drug overdose involving heroin, and nearly a third of all opioid deaths involved heroin; and

WHEREAS, the opioid issue has become a public health epidemic with devastating consequences, not just with overdoses, but also with the rising incidences of newborns who experience neonatal abstinence syndrome, which increased by almost three hundred percent (300%) between 2000 and 2009, because their mothers were prescribed an opioid during their pregnancy; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, recognize the community stakeholders, organizations, and non-profits for their collaborative efforts during the observance of "Prescription Opioid and Heroin Epidemic Awareness Week" from September 18 to September 24, 2021; and commend them for their commitment to combatting drug addiction and preventing substance abuse within our island community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center; to the Department of Public Health and Social Services; to the Attorney General of Guam; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Maga'hågan Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

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THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

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AMANDA L. SHELTON
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary





THE OFFICE OF SENATOR TELENA CRUZ NELSON

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN | 36th GUAM LEGISLATURE

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AND
MARITIME
TRANSPORTATION

September 16, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Honorable Senators, Stakeholders and Media
From: Senator Telena Cruz Nelson 
Subject: **Virtual Presentation Notice – Res. No. 159-36 (COR)**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai! Please join us for the presentation of **159-36 (COR)** - Telena Cruz Nelson, Amanda L. Shelton, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Jose “Pedo” Terlaje, Joe S. San Agustin, Mary Camacho Torres, Christopher M. Dueñas, James C. Moylan. “Relative to recognizing the community stakeholders, organizations, and non-profits for their collaborative efforts during the observance of “Prescription Opioid and Heroin Epidemic Awareness Week” from September 18 to September 24, 2021; and commending them for their commitment to combatting drug addiction and preventing substance abuse within our island community.”

The presentation will take place on **Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**, via *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Zoom Conference platform.

The hearing will broadcast on local television, GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 112.4, and stream online via *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* live feed on YouTube. A recording of the hearing will be available online via Guam Legislature Media on YouTube after the hearing. We look forward to your participation!

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2021 (FIRST) Regular Session

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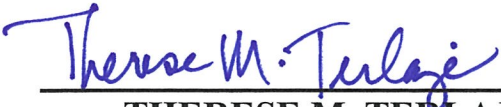
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THERESE M. TERLAJE
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Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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Legislative Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RULES



VICE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES, CHAIRPERSON

I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

36th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 159-36 (COR)- Telen Cruz Nelson, Amanda L. Shelton, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Jose "Pedo" Terlaje, Joe S. San Agustin, Mary Camacho Torres, Christopher M. Dueñas, James C. Moylan. "Relative to recognizing the community stakeholders, organizations, and non-profits for their collaborative efforts during the observance of "Prescription Opioid and Heroin Epidemic Awareness Week" from September 18 to September 24, 2021; and commending them for their commitment to combatting drug addiction and preventing substance abuse within our island community."

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Chairperson	e-vote	09/13/21	✓		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Vice Chairperson	e-vote	09/13/21	✓		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member					
Senator Telen Cruz Nelson Member		09/13/21	✓		
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Member	e-vote	09/13/21	✓		
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell Member	e-vote	09/14/21	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	e-vote	09/14/21	✓		
Senator Jose "Pedo" T. Terlaje Member	e-vote	09/13/21	✓		
Senator Frank F. Blas, Jr. Minority Member					
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member	e-vote	09/13/21	✓		
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Sponsor Signature: 					
Staff Contact Person: Michelle Manibusan					
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<u>8</u> Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Kamarin Nelson					
Date: 9/14/21 12:18 p.m.					
Notes:					