

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

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
163-36 (COR)	Jose "Pedo" Terlaje	Relative to honoring <i>I Hinanao, I Magahet yan I Ininna</i> , a grassroots organization of veterans helping other veterans with navigating the Veterans Administration claim process and conducting outreach to ensure that veterans on Guam received the benefits that are entitled to them.	9/14/21 8:00 a.m.	9/17/21 TBA	9/15/21					

Resolution No. 163-36 (COR)

Introduced by:

Jose "Telo" Terlaje	
V. Anthony Ada	Sabana Flores Perez
Frank Blas Jr.	Clynton E. Rodgell
Isaeme Brown	Joe S. San Agustin
Christopher M. Duenas	Amanda L. Shelton
James C. Muelan	Telo T. Terlaje
Tina Rose Muiña Barnes	Therese M. Terlaje
Telena Cruz Nelson	Mary Camacho Torres



**Relative to recognizing the members of *I Hinanao*, *I Magahet yan I Ininna* organization and Dr. Ugochukwu Akoma for their service and guidance to their fellow veterans; and commending them for their support and exemplifying the spirit of *ayuda* to veterans on Guam.**

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

WHEREAS, *I Hinanao*, *I Magahet yan I Ininna* is an organization of veterans helping other veterans discuss the process, procedure and best strategies for application and resolution of the claims process with the federal Veterans Affairs Administration. Using the latest information, research, personal experience and official resources, veterans in the organization have been able to successfully help numerous fellow veterans achieve desirable outcomes with the Veterans Affairs Administration; and

WHEREAS, *I Hinanao*, *I Magahet yan I Ininna* was started by veterans and their spouses in 2019, and it has adapted the use of technology during this pandemic to continue to be a guiding resource for numerous veterans on island in navigating the oftentimes complicated process of the Veterans Affairs Administration. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, members have successfully guided other veterans through a combination of digital outreach and engagement with personal care for each and every veteran that requests for their help; and

WHEREAS, members of *I Hinanao*, *I Magahet yan I Ininna* who are active in helping other veterans number nearly two hundred forty (240), with the leadership consisting of Bill and Lisa Salisbury, Brian and Gay Hahn, Matthew and May Ann Charfauros, Anthony and Marcella Taijeron, Benny Rosalin, and Chris Rosalin. Active claims guidance is also facilitated by members John Concepcion, Roy Gamboa, Corina Ballesta, Ray Shinohara, Andrea Cruz, Doris Aguon, Marlene Rivo, and Roland Ada; and


WHEREAS, the group has also received invaluable assistance from Dr. Ugochukwu Akoma, a family medicine doctor of Hepzibah Family Medicine Clinic in *Tanuning* who has been practicing on Guam and serving veterans since 2017. Dr. Akoma is himself a disabled veteran and actively assists veterans with their VA benefits by offering his time and his office to help veterans in need; he provides nexus letters for his fellow veterans to help with their VA claims and benefits; he provides help to some of the more at-need veterans, including those without insurance and who require assistance in getting the medical care and VA benefits they need and deserve; and he has gone above and beyond the call of duty to help veterans brought to him through *I Hinanao*, *I Magahet yan I Ininna* with selfless service to his fellow veterans; and

WHEREAS, the members of *I Hinanao*, *I Magahet yan I Ininna* organization and Dr. Ugochukwu Akoma have shown their compassion and care to those veterans who are struggling with their health to ensure that their necessary benefits and entitlements as veterans are fully provided; 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 members of *I Hinanao*, *I Magahet yan I Ininna* organization and Dr. Ugochukwu Akoma for their service and guidance to their fellow veterans; and commend them for their support and exemplifying the spirit of *ayuda* to veterans on Guam; 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 members of *I Hinanao*, *I Magahet yan I Ininna* organization; to Dr. Ugochukwu Akoma of Hepzibah Family Medicine Clinic; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hagan Guåhan*.

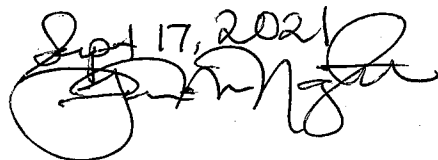
DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

  
THERESE M. TERLAJE  
Speaker

  
AMANDA L. SHELTON  
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
AMANDA L. SHELTON  
Legislative Secretary







**SENATOR JOSE "PEDO" TOVES TERLAJE**

36th Guam Legislature

*I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

Chairman - Committee on Public Safety,  
Emergency Response, Military and Veteran Affairs,  
Mayors Council, and Public Transit

September 16, 2021

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: All Members**  
36<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

**FROM: Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje**

**SUBJECT: Presentation of Resolution No. 163-36 (COR)**

*Hafa Adai,*

Please be advised that **Resolution No. 163-36 (COR) - Jose "Pedo" Terlaje**. - "Relative to recognizing the members of *I Hinanao, I Magahet yan I Ininna* organization and Dr. Ugochukwu Akoma for their service and guidance to their fellow veterans; and commending them for their support and exemplifying the spirit of *ayuda* to veterans on Guam," will be presented on **Friday, September 16, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.** at the **Hafa Adai Post 1509, Yigo Guam.**

*Si Yu'os Ma'ase'*



# COMMITTEE ON RULES

VICE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES, CHAIRPERSON

*I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

36<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

## COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 163-36 (COR) - Jose "Pedo" Terlaje. - "Relative to recognizing the members of *I Hinanao, I Magahet yan I Innina* organization and Dr. Ugochukwu Akoma for their service and guidance to their fellow veterans; and commending them for their support and exemplifying the spirit of *ayuda* to veterans on Guam."

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Chairperson	EVOTE	9/15/21	✓		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Vice Chairperson	EVOTE	9/15/21	✓		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member					
Senator Telen Cruz Nelson Member					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Member	EVOTE	9/15/21	✓		
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell Member	EVOTE	9/15/21	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	EVOTE	9/15/21	✓		
Senator Jose "Pedo" T. Terlaje Member		9/15/21	✓		
Senator Frank Blas, Jr. Minority Member					
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member	EVOTE	9/15/21	✓		
<b>For Sponsor's Office Use Only</b>					
Sponsor Signature:					
Staff Contact Person: KRISTEN GARRIDO					
<b>For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only</b>					
7 Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Kamarin Nelson					
Date: 9/15/21 2:12 p.m.					
Notes:					

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

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2 ***MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

3           **WHEREAS, *I Hinanao, I Magahet yan I Ininna*** is an organization of veterans  
4 helping other veterans discuss the process, procedure and best strategies for application  
5 and resolution of the claims process with the federal Veterans Affairs Administration.  
6 Using the latest information, research, personal experience and official resources,

1 veterans in the organization have been able to successfully help numerous fellow  
2 veterans achieve desirable outcomes with the Veterans Affairs Administration; and

3 **WHEREAS**, *I Hinanao, I Magahet yan I Innina* was started by veterans and their  
4 spouses in 2019, and it has adapted the use of technology during this pandemic to  
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6 oftentimes complicated process of the Veterans Affairs Administration. Throughout the  
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4 entitlements as veterans are fully provided; now therefore, be it


5           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na*  
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14 organization; to Dr. Ugochukwu Akoma of Hepzibah Family Medicine Clinic; and to  
15 the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
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Speaker

  
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Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
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**AMANDAL. SHELTON**  
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