

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
181-36 (LS)	Therese M. Terlaje	Relative to recognizing the observance of "Family Violence Awareness Month" during the month of October 2021; and commending the numerous advocates and organizations on Guam who educate the community and ensure safety while providing the necessary services for victims of family violence.	9/27/21 4:45 p.m.	10/1/21 2:30 p.m.	9/27/21					

Resolution No. 181-36 (LS)

Introduced by:

Therese M. Terlaje	
V. Anthony Ada	Sabrina Flores Perez
Frank Iba Jr	Clyton E. Ridge
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Relative to recognizing the observance of "Family Violence Awareness Month" during the month of October 2021; and commending the numerous advocates and organizations on Guam who educate the community and ensure safety while providing the necessary services for victims of family violence.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:

WHEREAS, family violence includes physical, emotional, financial, and other forms of abuse that a person uses to establish and maintain control over another person in a relationship. It is an alarming and pervasive problem throughout the nation and on Guam and it impacts millions of people each year regardless of race, age, gender, sexuality, religion, education level, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, the Judiciary of Guam's 2020 Annual Report records family violence as one of the highest number of offenses charged on Guam, being the top offense charged overall in 2020 and 2019. Despite the high number of offenders charged with family violence, reports of family violence cases fall short of the actual number of cases occurring on Guam due to Guam's conservative culture, according to the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has made it increasingly difficult for victims to seek and obtain help due to isolation and social distancing mandates, a decrease in economic opportunities, and an overwhelmed healthcare system which limits services that are available; and

WHEREAS, October 2021 is recognized as "Family Violence Awareness Month" and it is a time for Guam's leaders, community advocates, and the youth to unite and give victims of family violence a voice through community outreach efforts and education; and

WHEREAS, the Silent Witness Ceremony, which has been held since 1997, is one of these efforts; and is a time for the people of Guam to honor and remember the names and stories of the twenty-eight (28) victims who have lost their lives to domestic violence on Guam; and

WHEREAS, a large network of community organizations exists, and they are dedicated to educating the community and helping victims of violence by providing necessary services and playing a vital role in battling the family violence crisis on Guam. These community organizations include the following: the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence; Erica's House, Inc.; Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO); the Catholic Social Service-Alee Shelter; Sanctuary, Inc.; the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center- Healing Hearts Crisis Center; WestCare Pacific Islands; Guma' Mami; the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services; the Judiciary of Guam; the Mayors Council of Guam; the Salvation Army Guam Corps; the Public Defender Service Corporation; the Guam Legal Services Corporation-Disability Law Center; the Office of the Attorney General of Guam; the U.S. Attorney's Office; the Andersen Air Force Base (AAFB) Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office; the AAFB Family Advocacy Program; the Navy Fleet/Family Support-Navy Fleet and Family Advocacy Program; the Navy SAPR-Naval Base Guam Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program; the Guam National Guard-Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program; the Archdiocese of Agaña; the Guam Community College; the Guam Department of Education; the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities; Pacific Human Resources Services, Inc.; the University of Guam-Violence Against Women Prevention Program; the Association of Individual, Marriage and Family Therapists; the Guam Police Department-Domestic Assault Response Team; the Guam Sexual Assault and Abuse Resource Center Association (SAARCA); GALA; and the Governor's Community Outreach-Federal Programs Office; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the observance of "Family Violence Awareness Month" during the month of October 2021; and commend the numerous advocates and organizations on Guam who educate the community and ensure safety while providing the necessary services for victims of family violence; and be it further

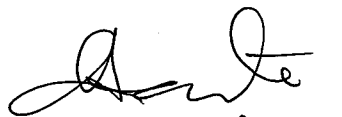
RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Mago'hagan Guahan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.


THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker


AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary




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Office of the Speaker
THERESE M. TERLAJE

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 36th Guam Legislature
Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

September 30, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje *Tmt*

Subject: Notice of Presentation- Resolution No. 175-36(COR) & Resolution No. 181-36(LS)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of the following resolutions:

- **10:30 AM: Resolution No. 175-36 (COR)** – Therese M. Terlaje, Jose “Pedo” Terlaje, V. Anthony Ada, Sabina F. Perez- Relative to recognizing the observance of “Red Ribbon Month” during the month of October 2021, and “Red Ribbon Week” from October 23 through October 31, 2021; and commending those individuals and organizations involved in the 2021 Red Ribbon Campaign for their continued efforts in preventing drug, tobacco, and alcohol abuse, and for encouraging youth participation.
- **2:30 PM: Resolution No. 181-36 (LS)** – Therese M. Terlaje - Relative to recognizing the observance of “Family Violence Awareness Month” during the month of October 2021; and commending the numerous advocates and organizations on Guam who educate the community and ensure safety while providing the necessary services for victims of family violence.

The presentation will take place on **Friday, October 1, 2021** during the Governor’s Virtual Proclamation Signing Ceremonies. If you would like to attend, please notify Cathy Flores via email: Catherine.flores@guam.gov.

We look forward to your participation. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*

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

Resolution No. 181-36 (LS)

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27 Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center- Healing Hearts Crisis Center; WestCare
28 Pacific Islands; Guma’ Mami; the Guam Department of Public Health and Social
29 Services; the Judiciary of Guam; the Mayors Council of Guam; the Salvation Army

1 Guam Corps; the Public Defender Service Corporation; the Guam Legal Services
2 Corporation-Disability Law Center; the Office of the Attorney General of Guam; the
3 U.S. Attorney’s Office; the Andersen Air Force Base (AAFB) Sexual Assault
4 Prevention and Response Office; the AAFB Family Advocacy Program; the Navy
5 Fleet/Family Support-Navy Fleet and Family Advocacy Program; the Navy SAPR-
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8 *Agaña*; the Guam Community College; the Guam Department of Education; the
9 Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities; Pacific Human
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