

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 AUTHOR REPORT FILED	NOTES
249-36 (LS)	Telena Cruz Nelson V. Anthony Ada Joe S. San Agustin Tina Rose Muña Barnes Amanda L. Shelton Jose "Pedro" Terlaje Clynton E. Ridgell Therese M. Terlaje Sabina Flores Perez Frank Blas Jr. Christopher M. Dueñas Mary Camacho Torres	Relative to recognizing the observance of "2022 National Social Worker Month" in March 2022 with the theme, " <i>The Time is Right for Social Work</i> "; and commending Guam's social workers for their dedication to improving the well-being of the people of Guam and enhancing their basic needs.	1/21/22 1:18 p.m.	3/1/22 9:00 a.m.	1/21/22					

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2/18/22

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

WHEREAS, originating in volunteer efforts for social betterment in the late nineteenth (19th) century in Europe and North America, social work became an occupation in the early twentieth (20th) century and achieved professional status by the 1920s; and

WHEREAS, this year's "2022 National Social Worker Month" theme, "The Time is Right for Social Work," embodies how social workers rose to meet the most pressing challenges of our lifetimes, the COVID-19 pandemic, even as our island continues to overcome the hardships the pandemic has caused; and

WHEREAS, social workers work hard and studied for years to become competent professionals who work to empower individuals and communities and they value interpersonal relationships, teamwork, and trust; and

WHEREAS, social workers have continued to push for changes that have made our community a better place to live, including, but not limited to, job placement and a livable wage, improved workplace safety, and social safety net programs that help mitigate and reform in the fight against poverty, hunger, and homelessness, and in health care, mental health care, and ensuring equal rights; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health and Social Services, Guam's Health Professional Licensing Board/EMS Division, and Child Protective Services social workers had worked strenuously and unflinchingly during the COVID-19 pandemic by helping deploy the COVID-19 vaccine, prioritizing essential workers, implementing mitigating strategies, creating contact tracing systems, expanding the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and mandating the requirements for SNAP benefits for GDOE and DoDEA school students; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center's social workers play a crucial role in promoting mental and behavioral health and do so in a broad range of settings, which includes providing services to diagnose and treat mental illness, and to restore and improve social and psychosocial functioning to promote wellness, to prevent and identify and to address the social needs from the social determinants of health; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Department of Education School Health Services' mission is to enhance the growth of all students by promoting health and wellness in a safe and supportive environment, and the Student Support Services Division (SSSD) and Special Education Division (SPED) supports all public schools in the areas of behavioral assessment, counseling, identification, and support of students eligible under Section 504, and truancy prevention; and GDOE's school social workers are uniquely positioned to elevate students' voices, hone their critical thinking skills, and capitalize on their strengths and assets; and

WHEREAS, the University of Guam recognizes the need for social workers on Guam, along with other communities within Micronesia, due to social issues, such as addictions to crystal methamphetamine and other drug use, poverty, high incidences of sexual abuse/assault, teen pregnancy, and homelessness; and in striving to assist in the demand for social workers, the University offers a Bachelor of Social Work Program (BSW) to help meet the needs for social workers and increase recruitment into the field on the island; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Department of Youth Affairs and Guam Department of Corrections-Casework & Counseling Services Division provide evaluation geared toward treatment of causative factors, addressing emotional and psychological barriers of both clients and families, and provide supportive social casework (counseling/family counseling and school/employment placement); and

WHEREAS, many local non-profit agencies that have provided social work services to individual persons and/or families include, but are not limited to: WestCare Pacific Islands (WPI), Sanctuary, Incorporated, Catholic Social Service, Alee Shelter, Erica's House, and American Legion Guam; and they offer a broad array of programs and services that address the gaps in services aligned with their mission, and they have targeted services that support their needs, by the recovery and resiliency of individuals struggling with homelessness, death of a loved one, substance abuse, mental illness, poverty, and adverse experiences; and

WHEREAS, every human contributes to the world in some way, but social workers contribute goodness and light, helping people see hope rather than despair; and they directly serve many individuals who have walked through traumatic experiences and deal with a lot of fear and turmoil; and

WHEREAS, all of Guam's social workers work in all facets on our island, to meet people, no matter their circumstance, and enhance human well-being, and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially those who are vulnerable, oppressed, and/or living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, "I am wonderful if it that nobody need wait a single moment to improve the world" (Anne Frank); and that is what we should remember when we think of social workers - they take our fears and troubles and give each of us their dedication and determination to see us through our challenges; 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 "2022 National Social Worker Month" in March 2022 with the theme, "The Time is Right for Social Work"; and commend Guam's social workers for their dedication to improving the well-being of the people of Guam, and enhancing their basic needs; 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 Department of Public Health and Social Services-Health Professional Licensing Board/EMS Division and Child Protective Services; Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center; Guam Department of Education-Student Support Services Division (SSSD) and Special Education Division (SPED); the University of Guam; Guam Department of Corrections-Casework & Counseling Services Division (CCSD); WestCare Pacific Islands (WPI); Sanctuary, Incorporated; Catholic Social Service; Alee Shelter, Erica's House, American Legion Guam; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Mags'agan Guahan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 21ST DAY OF JANUARY 2022.

Therese M. Terlaje
THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

Amanda L. Shelton
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I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2022 (SECOND) Regular Session

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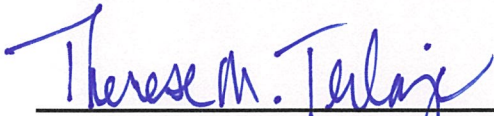
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- 3 *Maga'hågan Guåhan.*

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE DAY 21ST OF JANUARY 2022.



THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker



AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



THE OFFICE OF SENATOR TELENA CRUZ NELSON

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February 17, 2022

MEMORANDUM

To: All Honorable Senators, Stakeholders and Media
From: Senator Mary Camacho Torres *Mary C Torres*
Acting Committee Chairperson
Subject: **Presentation Notice for Res. No. 249-36 (LS)**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai! Please join us for the presentation of **Resolution No. 249-36 (LS)**, “Relative in recognizing and celebrating National Social Worker Month in March and promoting this year’s theme “The Time is Right for Social Work”; and extending a sincere *Un Dångkolo na si Yu'us ma'åse'* to all of Guam’s Social Workers, for their dedication to improving the well-being and enhancing the basic needs of all people.”

The presentation will take place on **Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**, via *I Liheslaturan Guahan's* Zoom Conference platform.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!