






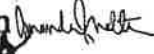








**I MINA TRENTAI SAIS NA LHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHOR REPORT FILED	NOTES
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- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
- 2 ***MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

1 **WHEREAS**, “National Child Abuse Prevention Month” is the result of a
2 decade-long commitment to identifying and implementing solutions to child abuse.
3 The history of recognizing the need to protect children from abuse, dates back to
4 1874 and one hundred (100) years later, in 1974, the Child Abuse Protection and
5 Treatment Act (CAPTA) was passed and the federal government started providing
6 funding to stop and prevent child maltreatment; and

7 **WHEREAS**, recognizing the continued alarming rate of child abuse and
8 neglect in the 1980s, the U.S. Congress called for enhanced efforts in child
9 maltreatment, and in 1982, the week of June 6-12 became the first “National Child
10 Abuse Prevention Week” and 1983, April was designated as the first “Child Abuse
11 Prevention Month” and since then, awareness activities have been promoted
12 nationwide during April every year; and

13 **WHEREAS**, abuse is a pattern of behavior used by a person or people to gain
14 and maintain power and control over another and there are four (4) different types
15 of child abuse: physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, and sexual abuse; and

16 **WHEREAS**, “Child Abuse Prevention Month” is aimed at bringing to light
17 the abuse and neglect suffered by children, and the need to provide strategic
18 programs to prevent child abuse and to assist parents and families affected by child
19 mistreatment; and

20 **WHEREAS**, this year’s theme for National Child Abuse Prevention Month
21 is “Thriving Children and Families: Prevention With Purpose”, which is committed
22 to understanding the history of child abuse prevention efforts and recognizing
23 present-day challenges, with the goal of advocating for effective child abuse
24 prevention; and

25 **WHEREAS**, The Children’s Bureau-Office of the Administration for
26 Children & Families (ACF), a division of the U.S. Department of Health & Human
27 Services (HHS), supports programs, research, and monitoring systems that prevent

1 child abuse and neglect while ensuring that children who are victims receive
2 treatment and care, by providing funding for child abuse and neglect assessment,
3 investigation, prosecution, and treatment activities; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Children’s Justice Act provides grants to States and
5 Territories to improve the investigation, prosecution and judicial handling of cases
6 of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation, in a
7 manner that limits additional trauma to the child victim. This also includes the
8 handling of child fatality cases, in which child abuse or neglect is suspected and
9 some cases of children with disabilities and serious health problems, who also are
10 victims of abuse and neglect; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Child Protective Services (CPS) Section, a Division of
12 Children’s Wellness-Bureau of Social Services Administration (BSSA), of
13 Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) has a reporting of two
14 thousand three hundred twelve (2,312) total referrals of maltreatment for FY 2021;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, while the referral numbers may fluctuate from FY17- FY21, the
17 breakdown and count of maltreatment referrals are: Physical Abuse- three hundred
18 eighteen (318); Sexual Abuse- two hundred thirty-four (234); Emotional Abuse- four
19 hundred twenty-three (423); Physical Neglect- nine hundred twenty-six (926);
20 Educational Neglect- two hundred forty-eight (248); and Emotional Neglect- one
21 hundred sixty-three (163); and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Police Department-Domestic Abuse Response Team
23 (DART), who receives and investigates reports of Child Abuse as well as Criminal
24 Sexual Conduct (CSC) cases, where victims are below the age of 18 (0-17), their
25 report for FY21 (October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021) are sixty-six (66) Child
26 Abuse Cases and one hundred five (105) for Criminal Sexual Conduct; and

1 **WHEREAS**, our island’s enduring commitment to prevent child abuse and
2 neglect urges Guam’s communities and individuals to partner together to provide
3 safe and nurturing environments for all of our island’s daughters and sons, and join
4 in the aid of working to safeguard and uplifting the children, and ensuring they
5 receive love, safety and nurture of their dreams and aspirations; and therefore be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na*
7 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
8 people of Guam, relative to recognizing and supporting “National Child Abuse
9 Prevention Month”, and commending the numerous non-profit organization,
10 government agencies, and community partners in their efforts to raise awareness and
11 enduring commitment to prevent child abuse and neglect, and promoting the theme
12 “Thriving Children and Families: Prevention With Purpose” during the month of
13 April 2022; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of Committee on Rules
15 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies
16 of the same be thereafter transmitted to: Guam Police Department- Domestic Abuse
17 Response Team (DART) and Victims Assistance Unit (VAU), Department of Public
18 Health and Social Services-Child Protective Services (CPS) and Bureau of Social
19 Services (BSS), Office of the Attorney General, U.S Attorney’s Office, Guam
20 Department of Education, Judiciary of Guam-Client Services and Family
21 Counseling Division, Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with
22 Disabilities, Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO), Sanctuary Incorporated,
23 *Inafa’ Maolek* Conciliation, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center-Healing
24 Hearts Crisis Center and *I’Famagu’on-ta*, Harvest House, Guam Legal Services
25 Corporation, Guam Sexual Assault & Abuse Resource Center Association, Erica’s
26 House, Catholic Social Services-Alee Shelter, *Ayuda* Foundation, *Mañe’lu* Guam,
27 Association of Individual, Marriage, and Family Therapists, Community Voices

- 1 Coalition/Community Services & Resources, Incorporated, Bethel Church
- 2 Association, Archdiocese of Agana, and to Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I*
- 3 *Maga'hågan Guåhan.*

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE of JANUARY 2022.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Acting Chairperson, Committee of Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary