

**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
57-36 (COR)	Amanda L. Shelton	Relative to recognizing the observance of "Autism Awareness Month" during April 2021 and those individuals who are affected by autism spectrum disorders, and commending the Autism Community Together (ACT) for its continued efforts to promote autism awareness and provide support to families; and further commending the families and caregivers of autistic individuals for their unconditional love and dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, family members and friends.	4/2/21 9:50 a.m.	4/9/21 5:30 p.m.	4/5/21 4:31 p.m.					

Resolution No. 57-36 (COR)

Introduced by:

Amanda L. Shelton

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

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three (3) years of a child's life and affects their ability to communicate and interact with others; and there is no single cause for autism, but increased awareness and funding can help families today; and

WHEREAS, autism is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a "spectrum disorder" that affects individuals differently, to varying degrees; and it knows no racial, ethnic, or social boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network found that about one (1) in forty-five (45) children were identified with ASD based on tracking across multiple areas of the United States. This same data revealed that some characteristics of children with ASD have remained the same – boys were almost five (5) times more likely to be identified with ASD than girls; and today, one (1) in forty-five (45) children will be diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders. More children are diagnosed with ASD than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes, and pediatric AIDS combined; and

WHEREAS, caring for a child with ASD can place a heavy economic burden on families and communities. The ADDM Network estimates that it costs at least Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) more per year to care for a child with ASD, as compared to a child without ASD. Costs include health care, education, ASD-related therapy, family-coordinated services, and caregiver time. Taken together, it is estimated that the total societal costs of caring for children with ASD was more than \$11.5 Billion Dollars in 2011; and

WHEREAS, a quarter century ago, a nationwide effort was launched to promote autism awareness, inclusion, and self-determination for all, and assure that each person with ASD is provided the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life. This year the Autism Society wants to go beyond simply promoting autism awareness, by encouraging friends and collaborators to become partners in the movement towards acceptance and appreciation; and

WHEREAS, parents and family members, support groups, researchers, and professionals have dedicated years of service in their ongoing efforts to advocate for the rights, respect, dignity, humane treatment, and appropriate education of all persons with autism; and in order to highlight the growing need for concern and awareness about autism, the Autism Community Together (ACT) of Guam has celebrated "Autism Awareness Month" during the month of April, and this year's theme is *Color the World Blue – Support Autism*; and

WHEREAS, ACT, which was formed in January 2004, has continued to spearhead an awareness effort in order to educate parents, professionals, and the general public about autism and its effects, and various activities are being coordinated throughout the month of April 2021 to further these goals; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guahan and the people of Guam, recognize the observance of "Autism Awareness Month" during April 2021 and those individuals who are affected by autism spectrum disorders, and commend the Autism Community Together (ACT) for its continued efforts to promote autism awareness and provide support to families; and further commend the families and caregivers of autistic individuals for their unconditional love and dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, family members and friends; 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 Ms. Evelyn San Agustin-Claros, President, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Josephine P. Blas, Vice President, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Kristal K. Flores, Secretary, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Maydelene C. Ganan-Flores, Treasurer, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Marie Borja, Board Member, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Jennifer Rodriguez, Board Member, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Joanne Perez Zanoni, Board Member, Autism Community Together; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Maga'hagan Guahan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 5TH DAY OF APRIL 2021.

Therese M. Terlaje
 THERESE M. TERLAJE
 Speaker

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
 TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
 Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Amanda L. Shelton
 AMANDA L. SHELTON
 Legislative Secretary



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 4/13/21
 4:07 P.M.



Office of Senator

AMANDA L. SHELTON

Legislative Secretary & Chairwoman


Committee on Air Transportation, Parks, Tourism, Higher Education and the
Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens

I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan • 36th Guam Legislature

April 12, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators
36th Guam Legislature

From: Senator Amanda L. Shelton 

Re: Presentation of Resolution No. 57-36 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join me in presenting the following Legislative Resolution:

Resolution No. 57-36 (COR) – *Introduced by Senator Amanda L. Shelton* – Relative to recognizing the observance of “Autism Awareness Month” during April 2021 and those individuals who are affected by autism spectrum disorders, and commending the Autism Community Together (ACT) for its continued efforts to promote autism awareness and provide support to families; and further commending the families and caregivers of autistic individuals for their unconditional love and dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, family members and friends.

The presentation will take place on **Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., at the front steps of the Guam Congress Building in Hagåtña.**

The presentation will broadcast on local television, GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117/112-4 and stream online via *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* live feed. A recording of the presentation will be available online via Guam Legislature Media on YouTube.

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!



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2021 (FIRST) Regular Session

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1 affects their ability to communicate and interact with others; and there is no single cause
2 for autism, but increased awareness and funding can help families today; and

3 **WHEREAS**, autism is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a “spectrum
4 disorder” that affects individuals differently, to varying degrees; and it knows no racial,
5 ethnic, or social boundaries; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Autism and
7 Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network found that about one (1) in
8 forty-five (45) children were identified with ASD based on tracking across multiple
9 areas of the United States. This same data revealed that some characteristics of children
10 with ASD have remained the same – boys were almost five (5) times more likely to be
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12 diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders. More children are diagnosed with ASD than
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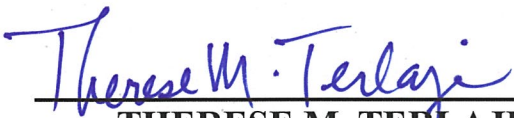
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12 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na*
13 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
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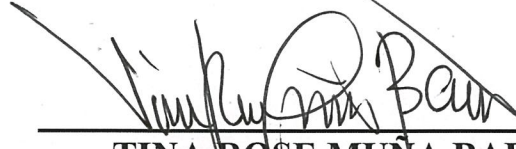
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26 Borja, Board Member, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Jennifer Rodriguez, Board

- 1 Member, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Joanne Perez Zanoni, Board Member,
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- 3 *Maga'hågan Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 5TH DAY OF
APRIL 2021.**



THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary

