

**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 |
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| 61-36 (COR)    | Therese M. Terlaje | Relative to congratulating Mr. Chima Mbakwem for being recognized as one of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's 2021 Tuberculosis (TB) Elimination Champions; and commending him for his contributions to expand TB services and education and outreach efforts in Guam. | 4/13/21<br>4:16 p.m. | TBA                  | 4/20/21<br>3:38 p.m. |               |             |                     |                             |       |

Resolution No. 61-36 (COR)

Introduced by:

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| Therese M. Terlaje    | Sabina Flores Perez |
| V. Anthony Ada        | Clynton E. Radgell  |
| Frank Blas Jr.        | Joe S. San Agustin  |
| Joanne Brown          | Amanda L. Shelton   |
| Christopher M. Duenas | Telo T. Fatague     |
| James C. Moylan       | Jose "Peds" Terlaje |
| Tina Rose Muña Barnes | Mary Camacho Torres |
| Telena Cruz Nelson    |                     |



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

**WHEREAS**, Chima Mbakwem received a Bachelor of Science, Sociology and Anthropology degree from the Imo State University in Nigeria, and a Master of Science, Health Science, International Health from the Trident University International in California; and he obtained a Master Certificate in Project Management from Villanova University in Tampa, Florida, a Certificate in Infection Disease and Infection Control from Allegra Learning Solutions, LLC, through the University of Guam, and a Post Graduate Certificate in Field Epidemiology from Fiji National University; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mbakwem's passion for public health began in Nigeria where he led a diverse team of healthcare experts who provided counseling, treatment and palliative care for people living with human immunodeficiency virus, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, and tuberculosis (TB). His continuous work in epidemiology and TB includes surveillance, outbreak detection, investigation and response, and health disparities; as well as working with non-U.S. born citizens and immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2018, Mr. Mbakwem has been employed as the Control Program Manager of the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services' Tuberculosis and Hansen's Disease Control Program, where he has been overseeing program planning, budgeting and development; and in this position, he has utilized his skills and expertise to lead the first pilot program in the Pacific islands and the Micronesia region on the use of mobile technology to improve TB medication adherence using Asynchronous Video Directly Observed Therapy; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, as Interim Administrator under the Bureau of Emerging Infectious Diseases, Mr. Mbakwem is tasked with developing key objectives and goals for the new Bureau, to include developing staff members' roles, responsibilities and onboarding process; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Tuberculosis (TB) Elimination Champions project recognizes organizations and individuals who have made meaningful contributions to end TB in their communities. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted TB control services, shifting staff roles and responsibilities and resources in public health departments and healthcare facilities in order to address the needs of the COVID-19 response; and

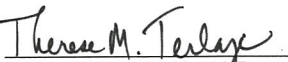
**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the way the TB prevention and control community has contributed to the COVID-19 response and how organizations and individuals have adapted to the changing landscape and the important role they have played in the COVID-19 response, the CDC had asked for nominations that reflect the important contributions that TB agencies, organizations, and partners have made to the COVID-19 response, and showcase the innovation and adaption needed to maintain TB elimination activities in a challenging public health environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Chima Mbakwem was named as one (1) of the nineteen (19) TB Elimination Champions of 2021 by the CDC, and he was recognized for his continued efforts towards providing accessible TB care services through technology and education despite the quarantine challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic; 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 and congratulate Mr. Chima Mbakwem on being named as one of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Tuberculosis (TB) Elimination Champions of 2021; and commend him for his contributions to expanding TB services, education, and outreach efforts 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 Mr. Chima Mbakwem; 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 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2021.

  
THERESE M. TERLAJE  
Speaker

  
TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
AMANDA L. SHELTON  
Legislative Secretary



 4/22/21



Office of the Speaker  
**THERESE M. TERLAJE**

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

April 20, 2021

To: All Senators, Stakeholders  
From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*  
Subject: **Notice of Virtual Presentation of Resolution No. 61-36 (COR)**

*Buenas yan Håfa Adai!*

Please join us in presenting **Resolution No. 61-36 (COR)**– introduced by Speaker Therese M. Terlaje- “Relative to recognizing and congratulating Mr. Chima Mbakwem on being named as one of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Tuberculosis (TB) Elimination Champions of 2021; and commending him for his contributions to expanding TB services, education, and outreach efforts on Guam.”

The presentation will take place on **Thursday, April 22, 2021, at 11:30 a.m.** via the Guam Legislature’s Zoom Virtual Platform.

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

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

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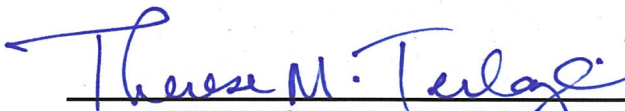
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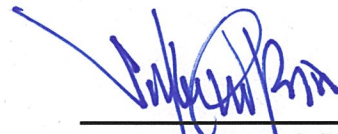
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Speaker

  
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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary



# 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. 61-36 (COR)- Therese M. Terlaje.** - "Relative to recognizing and congratulating Mr. Chima Mbakwem on being named as one of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Tuberculosis (TB) Elimination Champions of 2021; and commending him for his contributions to expanding TB services, education, and outreach efforts on Guam."

|                                                             | SIGNATURE                 | DATE     | TO ADOPT | TO NOT ADOPT | TO ABSTAIN |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|----------|--------------|------------|
| Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes<br>Chairperson           |                           |          |          |              |            |
| Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton<br>Vice Chairperson | E-VOTE                    | 04/20/21 | X        |              |            |
| Speaker Therese M. Terlaje<br>Member                        | <i>Therese M. Terlaje</i> | 04/20/21 | X        |              |            |
| Senator Telena Cruz Nelson<br>Member                        | E-VOTE                    | 04/20/21 | X        |              |            |
| Senator Sabina Flores Perez<br>Member                       | E-VOTE                    | 04/20/21 | X        |              |            |
| Senator Clynton E. Ridgell<br>Member                        | E-VOTE                    | 04/20/21 | X        |              |            |
| Senator Joe S. San Agustin<br>Member                        | E-VOTE                    | 04/20/21 | X        |              |            |
| Senator Jose "Pedro" T. Terlaje<br>Member                   | E-VOTE                    | 04/20/21 | X        |              |            |
| Senator Frank F. Blas, Jr.<br>Minority Member               | E-VOTE                    | 04/20/21 | X        |              |            |
| Senator Mary Camacho Torres<br>Minority Member              |                           |          |          |              |            |
| <b>For Sponsor's Office Use Only</b>                        |                           |          |          |              |            |
| Sponsor Signature: <i>Therese M. Terlaje</i>                |                           |          |          |              |            |
| Staff Contact Person: Natasha Charfauros                    |                           |          |          |              |            |
| <b>For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only</b>                      |                           |          |          |              |            |
| <u>8</u> Certified _____ Returned                           |                           |          |          |              |            |
| Name: Marie Crisostomo                                      |                           |          |          |              |            |
| Date: 4/20/21 3:38 p.m.                                     |                           |          |          |              |            |
| Notes:                                                      |                           |          |          |              |            |