

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
84-36 (COR)	Clynton E. Ridgell	Relative to recognizing Guam's observance of May 20th as World Bee Day and celebrating the local beekeepers of Guam for their contributions to maintaining Guam's local pollinator population for the good of our local farmers, the environment, and the people of Guam.	5/12/21 1:54 p.m.	5/20/21 6:00 p.m.	5/18/21 10:04 p.m.					

Resolution No. 84-36 (COR)

Introduced by:

Clinton F. Ridge	Sibana Flores Perez
V. Anthony Ada	Joe S. San Agustin
Frank Blas Jr.	Amanda L. Shelton
Jeanne Brown	Telo T. Taitague
Christopher M. Duenas	Jose "Pedro" Terlaje
James C. Moylan	Therese M. Terlaje
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Telena Cruz Nelson	



Relative to recognizing the local beekeepers of Guam on the observance of "World Bee Day" on May 20, 2021; and commending them for their contributions to maintaining Guam's local pollinator population for the good of our local farmers, the environment, and the people of Guam.

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

WHEREAS, "World Bee Day" was first proposed by Slovenia to be celebrated in May because the Northern Hemisphere enters a spring period where pollination is greatest and the Southern Hemisphere enters autumn where beehive products are harvested and the season of honey and honey-based products begin; and

WHEREAS, May 20 falls on the birthdate of a Slovenian beekeeper, Anton Janša, who was a pioneer of modern beekeeping and one of the greatest beekeeping experts of his time; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2017, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring May 20 as "World Bee Day" because the Assembly recognizes "... that the observance of a World Bee Day would contribute significantly to raising awareness of the importance of bees and other pollinators at all levels and would promote global efforts and collective action for their protection"; and

WHEREAS, honey bees were first introduced on Guam from Hawaii in 1907 and since their arrival on Guam, the bees quickly spread into the wild and grew to thousands of wild bee colonies several years later; and

WHEREAS, during the National Honey Bee Survey, which started on Guam in 2013 and is still being investigated and conducted today, the beekeeping industry grew from a handful of beekeepers to about seventy (70) beekeepers on the island today; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Beekeepers Association (GBA) is a non-profit organization created in 2014 to support apiculture on Guam, with forty-five (45) members and still growing, whose mission is to promote beekeeping generally, to broaden the knowledge of beekeeping within the community, and to foster the best practices and techniques in apiculture management for local farmers; and

WHEREAS, GBA currently performs public outreach to schools and the general public to promote the importance of bees; it conducts classes to train incoming beekeepers and local farmers on the art and science of managing bees; and it defines and promotes safe, community-friendly, and environmentally-sound beekeeping practices; and

WHEREAS, GBA has achieved many great accomplishments since its founding, including giving the community access to local raw honey, providing bee removal services to the public, and assisting local farmers in pollinating their crops; and

WHEREAS, in the future, the local beekeeping community hopes to establish a queen bee export industry on Guam as a way to provide economic growth for beekeepers, as well as to assist the concerted efforts to repopulate the bee population throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, bees and pollinators currently contribute between Fifteen and Eighteen Billion Dollars in value to the agriculture industry nationally, with between \$235 to 577 Billion Dollars' worth of annual global food production relying on their contributions; and

WHEREAS, a need exists to address the issue of the worldwide decline of the diversity of pollinators, which is caused by a multitude of factors such as invasive species, changes in the use of land, the use of pesticides, air and water pollution, and higher temperatures caused by climate change; and

WHEREAS, nearly ninety percent (90%) of the world's wild flowering plant species depend either entirely or, at least, in part on animal pollination, along with more than seventy-five percent (75%) of the world's food crops and thirty-five percent (35%) of global agricultural land; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of "World Bee Day" this year is even more significant because of the United Nations declaration of 2021 as the "International Year of Fruits and Vegetables"; and the United Nations has recognized the important role of bees in providing food for people around the world; and

WHEREAS, if bees are not protected, there would not only be harmful environmental impacts, but we would no longer be able to grow many of the products we consume daily, which could lead to poor nutrition and possible negative impacts to people's health; and

WHEREAS, promoting a healthy bee and pollinator population on Guam assists local food security, makes farming more sustainable and more profitable, and is an important aspect of maintaining biodiversity and protection of our local environment and ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, there are many ways that the people of Guam can help support the native bee population, such as limiting their use of pesticides in their gardens, growing local bee-friendly plants, and by buying honey from local beekeepers to support their efforts; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, recognize the local beekeepers of Guam on the observance of "World Bee Day" on May 20, 2021; and commend them for their contributions to maintaining Guam's local pollinator population for the good of our local farmers, the environment, and the people of 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 Chelsa Muña-Brecht, Director, Guam Department of Agriculture; to Russell Campbell, Ph.D., Guam Department of Agriculture Biosecurity Division; to Ross Miller, Ph.D., College of Natural and Applied Sciences, University of Guam; to the Guam Beekeepers Association; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Mago'bagan Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 18TH DAY OF MAY 2021.

Therese M. Terlaje
THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

Tina Rose Munia Barnes
TINA ROSE MUNIA BARNES
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Amanda L. Shelton
AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



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From: Javan Santos <jws.sencer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 4:36 PM
To: Senator Amanda Shelton; Senator Chris Duenas; Senator Frank F. Blas, Jr.; Senator James Moylan; Senator Joanne Brown; Senator Joe S. San Agustin; Senator Jose Terlaje; Senator Mary C. Torres; Senator Sabina Flores Perez; Senator Telena C. Nelson; Senator Telo Taitague; Speaker Therese M. Terlaje; Senator V. Anthony Ada; Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Cc: Clerks; Tom Unsiog; Joe San Agustin; Guam MIS
Subject: Presentation of Resolution No. 84-36(COR)
Attachments: Presentation Notice of Resolution No. 84-36(COR).pdf; Res. No. 84-36 (COR).pdf

May 19, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators
From: Senator Clynton E. Ridgell
Subject: **Presentation Notice of Resolution No. 84-36 (COR)**

Håfa Adai:

Please join us for the presentation of **Resolution No. 84-36(COR) – Clynton E. Ridgell**, “Relative to recognizing the local beekeepers of Guam on the observance of “World Bee Day” on May 20, 2021; and commending them for their contributions to maintaining Guam’s local pollinator population for the good of our local farmers, the environment, and the people of Guam.”

The presentation will take place on **Thursday – May 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** at Skinner Plaza, Hagatna. We appreciate your attendance and participation.

Si Yu’os ma’åse’.

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Respectfully,

Javan Santos
Policy Analyst and Researcher - 36th Guam Legislature
Office of Senator Clynton E. Ridgell
University of Guam '19

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

Resolution No. 84-36 (COR)

Introduced by:

Clynton E. Ridgell
V. Anthony Ada
Frank Blas Jr.
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Telena Cruz Nelson
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2 ***MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS,** “World Bee Day” was first proposed by Slovenia to be celebrated
4 in May because the Northern Hemisphere enters a spring period where pollination is
5 greatest and the Southern Hemisphere enters autumn where beehive products are
6 harvested and the season of honey and honey-based products begin; and

1 **WHEREAS**, May 20 falls on the birthdate of a Slovenian beekeeper, Anton
2 Janša, who was a pioneer of modern beekeeping and one of the greatest beekeeping
3 experts of his time; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in December of 2017, the United Nations General Assembly
5 adopted a resolution declaring May 20 as “World Bee Day” because the Assembly
6 recognizes “...that the observance of a World Bee Day would contribute significantly
7 to raising awareness of the importance of bees and other pollinators at all levels and
8 would promote global efforts and collective action for their protection”; and

9 **WHEREAS**, honey bees were first introduced on Guam from Hawaii in 1907
10 and since their arrival on Guam, the bees quickly spread into the wild and grew to
11 thousands of wild bee colonies several years later; and

12 **WHEREAS**, during the National Honey Bee Survey, which started on Guam in
13 2013 and is still being investigated and conducted today, the beekeeping industry grew
14 from a handful of beekeepers to about seventy (70) beekeepers on the island today; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Beekeepers Association (GBA) is a non-profit
16 organization created in 2014 to support apiculture on Guam, with forty-five (45)
17 members and still growing, whose mission is to promote beekeeping generally, to
18 broaden the knowledge of beekeeping within the community, and to foster the best
19 practices and techniques in apiary management for local farmers; and

20 **WHEREAS**, GBA currently performs public outreach to schools and the general
21 public to promote the importance of bees; it conducts classes to train incoming
22 beekeepers and local farmers on the art and science of managing bees; and it defines
23 and promotes safe, community-friendly, and environmentally-sound beekeeping
24 practices; and

25 **WHEREAS**, GBA has achieved many great accomplishments since its founding,
26 including giving the community access to local raw honey, providing bee removal
27 services to the public, and assisting local farmers in pollinating their crops; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in the future, the local beekeeping community hopes to establish a
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3 beekeepers, as well as to assist the concerted efforts to repopulate the bee population
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6 Eighteen Billion Dollars in value to the agriculture industry nationally, with between
7 \$235 to 577 Billion Dollars' worth of annual global food production relying on their
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10 diversity of pollinators, which is caused by a multitude of factors such as invasive
11 species, changes in the use of land, the use of pesticides, air and water pollution, and
12 higher temperatures caused by climate change; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, if bees are not protected, there would not only be harmful
22 environmental impacts, but we would no longer be able to grow many of the products
23 we consume daily, which could lead to poor nutrition and possible negative impacts to
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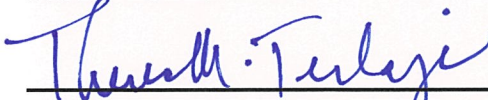
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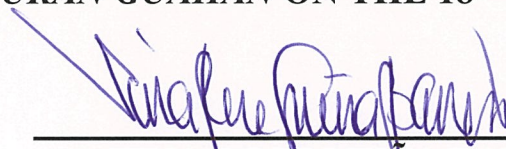
5 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na*
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11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
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14 of Agriculture; to Russell Campbell, Ph.D., Guam Department of Agriculture
15 Biosecurity Division; to Ross Miller, Ph.D., College of Natural and Applied Sciences,
16 University of Guam; to the Guam Beekeepers Association; and to the Honorable
17 Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

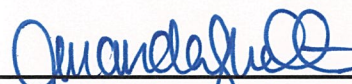
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 18TH DAY OF
MAY 2021.**



THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RULES


VICE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES, CHAIRPERSON

I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

36th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 84 - 36 (COR) - Clynton E. Ridgell. - "Relative to recognizing the local beekeepers of Guam on the observance of "World Bee Day" on May 20, 2021; and commending them for their contributions to maintaining Guam's local pollinator population for the good of our local farmers, the environment, and the people of Guam."

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Chairperson	E-Vote	5/18/2021	✓		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Vice Chairperson	E-vote	5/18/2021	✓		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member					
Senator Telenia Cruz Nelson Member					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Member	E-Vote	5/18/2021	✓		
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell Member		5/18/2021	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	E-Vote	5/18/2021	✓		
Senator Jose "Pedo" T. Terlaje Member	E-Vote	5/17/2021	✓		
Senator Frank F. Blas, Jr. Minority Member	E-Vote	5/17/2021	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member	E-Vote	5/17/2021	✓		
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