

**I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
55-37 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje Roy A.B. Quinata Sabina Flores Perez Jesse A. Lujan Frank Blas, Jr. Christopher M. Dueñas Chris Barnett Joe S. San Agustin Tina Rose Muña Barnes Amanda L. Shelton William A. Parkinson Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Joanne Brown	Relative to recognizing the observance of “Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month” during the month of March 2023; and commending the various groups and individuals for their advocacy and commitment to promoting awareness of developmental disabilities among our island community.	3/10/23 9:30 a.m.	3/15/23 2:00 p.m.	3/14/23 5:04 p.m.					

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Introduced by:

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

WHEREAS, the month of March is recognized as “Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month” and is dedicated to increasing awareness by educating the community on the challenges, needs and potential of persons with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, disabilities are a natural part of the human experience and do not diminish the right of these individuals to live independently or to fully participate in and contribute to society; and

WHEREAS, the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act) defines a developmental disability as a severe chronic disability of an individual that is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of both that manifests itself before the individual reaches the age of twenty-two (22) and is likely to continue indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, President Bill Clinton reauthorized and signed the DD Act into law, which maintains State Councils and Developmental Disabilities in each state and territory to conduct outreach to provide training and technical assistance to shape policies and to promote inclusion to include the establishment of the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC). This Act also continues Protection and Advocacy (P&A) systems and University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service (UCEDDS) to operate alongside these councils. The P&A and UCEDDS on Guam, respectively, are the Guam Legal Services Corporation – Disability Law Center (GLSC-DLC) and the University of Guam Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service (CEDDERS); and

WHEREAS, the GDDC, together with the GLSC-DLC and CEDDERS, is instrumental in the advocacy and promotion of programs that allow individuals with developmental disabilities to achieve optimum independence and improve their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is a time to dispel misconceptions about people living with developmental disabilities and to bring communities together with the ultimate goal of creating an environment that is more inclusive and accepting of our developmental disability population and is also a time to reflect on the progress made towards improving the quality of life for these individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is “Inclusion, Access, and Equity”, to promote Guam's citizens with developmental disabilities, who have the capacity to lead full, productive, and engaged lives, building a community that is strong in our culture and traditions of love and acceptance; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, recognize the observance of “Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month” during the month of March 2023; and commending the various groups and individuals for their advocacy and commitment to promoting awareness of developmental disabilities among our island community; 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 the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC); the University of Guam, Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service (CEDDERS), and the Guam Legal Services Corporation – Disability Law Center (GLSC – DLC); and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Maga'hågan Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2023.

THERESE M. TERLAJE  
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

CHRIS BARNETT  
Acting Legislative Secretary



MARIE CRUZ  
M. Cruz  
3/15/23, 1:24 pm

***I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2023 (FIRST) Regular Session**

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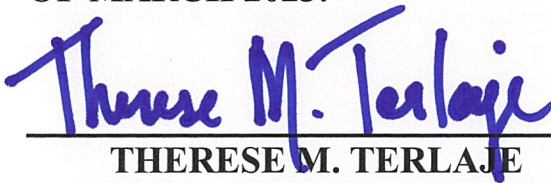
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- 2 Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
*I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
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# COMMITTEE ON RULES

Chris Barnett, Chairperson, Committee on Rules  
*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
 37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

## COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

**Resolution No. 55-37 (COR) - Therese M. Terlaje.** - "Relative to recognizing the observance of "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" during the month of March 2023; and commending the various groups and individuals for their advocacy and commitment to promoting awareness of developmental disabilities among our island community."

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
<b>Senator Chris Barnett</b> Chairperson	E-Vote	3/14/2023	X		
<b>Senator Sabina Flores Perez</b> Vice Chairperson	E-Vote	3/14/2023	X		
<b>Speaker Therese M. Terlaje</b> Member	<i>TMT</i>	3/14/23	X		
<b>Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes</b> Member					
<b>Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton</b> Vice Chairperson	E-Vote	3/14/2023	X		
<b>Senator William Mark Parkinson</b> Member	E-Vote	3/14/2023	X		
<b>Senator Roy A. B. Quinata</b> Member					
<b>Senator Joe S. San Agustin</b> Member					
<b>Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas</b> Member	E-Vote	3/14/2023	X		
<b>Senator Christopher M. Dueñas</b> Minority Member					
<b>Senator Joanne Brown</b> Minority Member	E-Vote	3/14/2023	X		
<b>Senator Thomas J. Fisher</b> Minority Member					
<b>Senator Telo T. Taitague</b> Minority Member	E-Vote	3/14/2023	X		
<b>For Sponsor's Office Use Only</b>					
Sponsor Signature: <i>Therese M. Terlaje</i>					
Staff Contact Person: <b>Marie Cruz</b>					
<b>For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only</b>					
<u>8</u> Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Marie Crisostomo					
Date: 3/14/23 5:04 p.m.					
Notes:					



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

*I Mina'trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan* | 37th Guam Legislature  
Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

March 14, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

To: All Senators, Stakeholders

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*

Subject: **Notice of Presentation - Resolution No. 55-37 (COR)**

*Buenas yan Håfa Adai!*

Please join us for the presentation of Resolution No. 55-37 (COR) "**Relative to recognizing the observance of "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" during the month of March 2023; and commending the various groups and individuals for their advocacy and commitment to promoting awareness of developmental disabilities among our island community.**"

The presentation will be held on **Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 2:00 p.m.** at the *I Liheslaturan Guåhan, Public Hearing Room.*

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*

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