

**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
68-37 (LS)	Amanda L. Shelton Roy A.B. Quinata Chris Barnett Tina Rose Muña Barnes Joe S. San Agustin Therese M. Terlaje William A. Parkinson Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Sabina Flores Perez Frank Blas, Jr. Jesse A. Lujan Telo T. Taitague Joanne Brown	Relative to recognizing Special Olympics Guam (SOGU) on its Forty-Seventh (47th) Year Anniversary, and commending the organization for advocating for the needs and the potential of those with physical and developmental disabilities through having the "Special Olympics Games," and promoting awareness, sportsmanship, and camaraderie on Guam.	3/24/23 4:43 p.m.	4/1/23 8:00 a.m.	3/29/23 11:42 a.m.					

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

WHEREAS, in 1968, Eunice Kennedy Shriver and her team of enthusiastic and likeminded individuals hosted the first International Special Olympics with the purpose of creating a better world by fostering the acceptance and inclusion of all people. Since their founding, the Special Olympics has provided millions of people with physical and developmental disabilities with an opportunity to discover strength, confidence, and camaraderie through the power of sport; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of inclusion within Guam's community, Ms. Delina Baza spearheaded the efforts to extend the Special Olympics to Guam. Former First Lady Madeleine Z. Borodallo helped the Guam Special Olympics become a reality in 1976; and

WHEREAS, the first Guam Special Olympics was organized by Ms. Baza alongside the staff and faculty of Chief Brodie Memorial School and held at the John F. Kennedy High School Gene Ramsey Field, which hosted One Hundred Fifty (150) athletes participating from around the island; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Special Olympics grew exponentially with the help of their dedicated partner organizations and volunteers and began to include various other events and hosted hundreds of new athletes and coaches; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, the Guam Special Olympics community celebrated the landmark milestone of sending their first team of Olympians to four (4) International and World Summer Games; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Special Olympics Guam, Board of Directors, passed a resolution to include persons without disability to partner with and become mentors for persons with intellectual and physical disability in and off the athletic sporting field; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Guam Special Olympics officially changed its name to Special Olympics Guam (SOGU) and includes six (6) official sports: Athletics (Track and Field), Football (Soccer), Badminton, Softball, Bowling, and Swimming; and

WHEREAS, SOGU organization is about Respect, Dignity, and Compassion which provides a healthy, happy, safe and inclusive environment for athletes with the help of the island community. The revolution of inclusion is a mindset, a movement and goal for everyone to open their minds and commit to including people with intellectual disabilities, recognizing their abilities and not their disabilities; and

WHEREAS, SOGU works to create an environment by which athletes are nurtured through sports and life skills that will empower them with confidence and build their self-esteem to be independent and productive citizens of the island community. SOGU athletes are not just athletes but ambassadors of rising peaceful protesters whose lives are challenged by their disabilities. SOGU athletes strive for equality, dignity and recognition into the island community; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, SOGU transferred regional affiliation from the Special Olympics North America (SONA) to the Special Olympics Asia Pacific (SOAP) region to allow better access to training for staff, coaches, and athletes through the development of new programs with financial and technical assistance from SOAP, which recognizes SOGU as an accredited organization; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, SOGU will return from a three (3) year hiatus because of the COVID-19 pandemic to continue its mission of providing year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. SOGU gives continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community; and

WHEREAS, numerous donors who have contributed to SOGU's mission over the years, provide year-round support and are always recognized during each event and outreach; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guahan and the people of Guam, recognize Special Olympics Guam (SOGU) on its Forty-Seventh (47<sup>th</sup>) Year Anniversary, and express gratitude to the organization for advocating for the needs and the potential of those with physical and developmental disabilities through the "Special Olympics Games," and promoting awareness, sportsmanship, and camaraderie 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 Special Olympics Guam; and the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Mags'bagon Guahan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2023.

THERESA M. TERLAJE  
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON  
Legislative Secretary



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3/31/23

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

**Resolution No. 68-37 (LS)**

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1 their founding, the Special Olympics has provided millions of people with physical and  
2 developmental disabilities with an opportunity to discover strength, confidence, and  
3 camaraderie through the power of sport; and

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25 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*  
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6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
7 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
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9 Lourdes Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

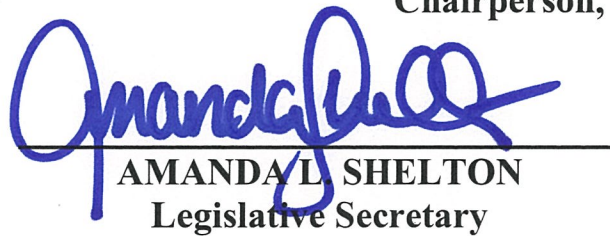
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Speaker

  
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**CHRIS BARNETT**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary



# 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. 68-37 (LS).** –Amanda L. Shelton, Roy A. B. Quinata, Chris Barnett, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Joe S. San Agustin, Therese M. Terlaje, William A. Parkinson, Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas, Sabina Flores Perez, Frank Blas, Jr., Jesse A. Lujan, Telo T. Taitague, Joanne Brown. - “Relative to recognizing Special Olympics Guam (SOGU) on its Forty-Seventh (47th) Year Anniversary, and commending the organization for advocating for the needs and the potential of those with physical and developmental disabilities through having the “Special Olympics Games,” and promoting awareness, sportsmanship, and camaraderie on Guam.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
<b>Senator Chris Barnett</b> Chairperson	E-Vote	3/28/23	✓		
<b>Senator Sabina Flores Perez</b> Vice Chairperson	E-Vote	3/28/23	✓		
<b>Speaker Therese M. Terlaje</b> Member	E-Vote	3/28/23	✓		
<b>Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes</b> Member					
<b>Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton</b> Vice Chairperson	<i>Ashelton</i>	3/28/23	✓		
<b>Senator William Mark Parkinson</b> Member	E-Vote	3/28/23	✓		
<b>Senator Roy A. B. Quinata</b> Member	E-Vote	3/28/23	✓		
<b>Senator Joe S. San Agustin</b> Member	E-Vote	3/28/23	✓		
<b>Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas</b> Member	E-Vote	3/28/23	✓		
<b>Senator Christopher M. Dueñas</b> Minority Member	E-Vote	3/28/23	✓		
<b>Senator Joanne Brown</b> Minority Member	E-Vote	3/28/23	✓		
<b>Senator Thomas J. Fisher</b> Minority Member					
<b>Senator Telo T. Taitague</b> Minority Member	E-Vote	3/28/23	✓		
<b>For Sponsor's Office Use Only</b>					
Sponsor Signature: <i>Ashelton</i>					
Staff Contact Person: Jay Milan					
<b>For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only</b>					
<u>11</u> Certified _____ Returned					
Name: <b>Erin Mafnas</b>					
Date: <b>3/29/23 11:42 a.m.</b>					
Notes:					





Office of Senator

**AMANDA L. SHELTON**

*Legislative Secretary & Chairwoman*

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

*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan • 37th Guam Legislature*

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March 29, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** All Senators

37th Guam Legislature

**From:** Senator Amanda L. Shelton 

**Re:** Presentation Notice for Resolution No. 68-37 (LS)

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*Buenas yan Håfa Adai!*

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The presentation will be on Saturday, April 1, 2023, 8:00 AM, at the Okkodo High School, Track and Field.

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

