

***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
222-37 (LS)	Therese M. Terlaje Amanda L. Shelton	Relative to recognizing Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO) on the occasion of their Forty-first (41st) Year Anniversary; and commending them on educating and ensuring the safety of victims while providing vital services to the people of Guam.	10/13/23 2:52 p.m.	10/14/23 7:00 p.m.	10/13/23 6:28 p.m.					

Resolution No. 222-37 (LS)

Introduced by:

Therese M. Terlaje  
Amanda L. Shelton

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Jeanne Brown	Sabrina Flores Perez
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN*:

**WHEREAS**, in the late summer of 1981, through discussion and concern for the lack of critical services in both civilian and military communities for an organized response to serious and prevalent problems of sexual assault and abuse, Dr. Gene Tineli, a U.S. Navy psychiatrist, and Beverly Paulk established Counseling Advocates Reaching Out (CARO), a volunteer-based organization; and

**WHEREAS**, procedures with the hospitals, the court system, and law enforcement were established for appropriate enforcement, legal, and supportive services, prior to beginning volunteer training; and

**WHEREAS**, comprised of persons representing both the civilian and military sectors, the first group of twenty-five (25) volunteers of all ages provided a safe space for victims of sexual assault and abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, receiving overwhelming help and support from people throughout the island, CARO began its services with a group of talented, articulate, and caring volunteers who shared personal stories in creating a confidential and safe place to discuss incest, a prevalent but seldomly discussed problem for local girls and women; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1989, CARO expanded its services to victims and changed its organization's name to Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO); and

**WHEREAS**, VARO gained grant funding to employ staff and support crisis intervention and prevention services to continue to provide advocacy and crisis intervention services twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week with the help of trained volunteers who are scheduled to respond to victims of sexual assault and family violence; and

**WHEREAS**, VARO has become part of an island-wide network of agencies with a mission to respond to all victims of violent crime and trauma, and to elevate the stature of women and children on our island, and those most often victimized by physical and sexual abuse; and through its services of intervention, education, and awareness, it is the hope of VARO to lessen the need for crisis intervention for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, VARO's Board of Directors consists of Dr. Julie Ulloa-Heath, Executive Director; Louisa Borja, President; Trina San Agustin, Vice-President; Sarah Taitano, Secretary; Odilia Jaime, Treasurer; Jonathan Mendiola, Public Information Officer; Gloria Borja, Volunteer Support; Brianna Duenas, Fundraising Chairperson; Tina Esteves, Training Chairperson; and Delbert Calvo, Member-at-Large; and

**WHEREAS**, with the support and help of volunteers, VARO and CARO combined have helped thousands of victims on Guam, both primary and secondary, for the past forty-one (41) years; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO) on the occasion of their Forty-first (41st) Year Anniversary; and commend them on educating and ensuring the safety of victims while providing vital services to 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 Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO); 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 GUÁHAN* ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.

*Therese M. Terlaje*  
THERESE M. TERLAJE  
Speaker

*Chris Barnett*  
CHRIS BARNETT  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

*Amanda L. Shelton*  
AMANDA L. SHELTON  
Legislative Secretary



MARIE CRUZ  
*Marie Cruz*  
10/14/23  
11:29 am

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

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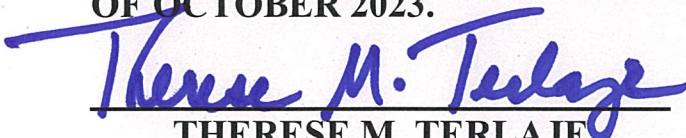
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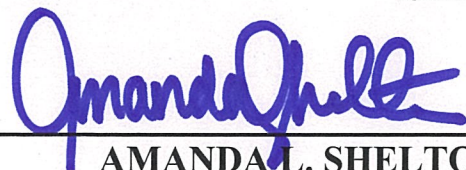
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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**  
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**CHRIS BARNETT**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



**AMANDAL. 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. 222-37 (LS)** - Therese M. Terlaje, Amanda L. Shelton. - "Relative to recognizing Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO) on the occasion of their Forty-first (41st) Year Anniversary; and commending them on educating and ensuring the safety of victims while providing vital services to the people of Guam."

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
<b>Senator Chris Barnett</b> Chairperson	E-Vote	10/13/23	X		
<b>Senator Sabina Flores Perez</b> Vice Chairperson	E-Vote	10/13/23	X		
<b>Speaker Therese M. Terlaje</b> Member	<i>TMT</i>	October 13, 2023	X		
<b>Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes</b> Member					
<b>Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton</b> Member	E-Vote	10/13/23	X		
<b>Senator William A. Parkinson</b> Member					
<b>Senator Roy A. B. Quinata</b> Member	E-Vote	10/13/23	X		
<b>Senator Joe S. San Agustin</b> Member	E-Vote	10/13/23	X		
<b>Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas</b> Member	E-Vote	10/13/23	X		
<b>Senator Joanne Brown</b> Minority Member					
<b>Senator Christopher M. Dueñas</b> Minority Member					
<b>Senator Thomas J. Fisher</b> Minority Member					
<b>Senator Telo T. Taitague</b> Minority Member					
<b>For Sponsor's Office Use Only</b>					
Sponsor Signature: <i>Therese M. Terlaje</i>					
Staff Contact Person: MARIE CRUZ					
<b>For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only</b>					
<u>7</u> Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Joaquin 'Quin' P. Taitague					
Date: October 13, 2023 at 6:28 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

October 13, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

To: All Senators, Stakeholders

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*

Subject: **Notice of Presentation - Resolution No. 222-37 (LS)**

*Buenas yan Håfa Adai!*

Please join us for the presentation of Resolution No. 222-37 (LS) - **“Relative to recognizing Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO) on the occasion of their Forty-first (41st) Year Anniversary; and commending them on educating and ensuring the safety of victims while providing vital services to the people of Guam.”**

Resolution No. 222-37 (LS) will be presented on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., at Hotel Nikko Guam, Tumon.

We look forward to your participation.

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse!!*

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