

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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356-37 (LS)	Amanda L. Shelton	Relative to recognizing the observance of "Youth Month" during the month of April 2024; and commending the Department of Youth Affairs and the numerous organizations, advocates, and partners for their continued dedication and commitment to the youth of Guam.	3/18/24 3:18 p.m.	4/2/24 5:00 p.m.	3/18/24					

Resolution No. 356-37 (LS)

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BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, each year, the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA) celebrates "Youth Month" during the month of April with various events, outreach collaborations, and contests recognizing and showcasing the many talents and leadership of our island's youth; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year's "Youth Month" celebration is "Breaking Boundaries, Building Bridges: The Power of Diversity," which was created by the members of both the Guam Youth Congress and the Governor's Youth Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, this year's celebration includes the annual "Oratorical Contest" for both the high schools and middle schools, where the winners of the "Oratorical Contest" will serve as the Youth Governor and Youth Lieutenant Governor, respectively, during "Island Leadership Day" on April 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, "Island Leadership Day" promotes positive youth development and it is an opportunity for youth to shadow Guam's government leaders and gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of being a public servant; and "Island Leadership Day" is a preview of the unique hands-on experience that is also provided during the Governor's Summer Youth Employment Program; and

WHEREAS, this year, DYA in collaboration with the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency (CAHA) have included as an annual "Youth Month" event, an elementary school-only art contest where the top three (3) winners will be awarded ribbons, certificates and art supplies for their respective art classes; and

WHEREAS, Guam's youth have made various contributions in ensuring the well-being of our society and taking the mantle as "leaders of today" rather than "leaders of tomorrow" which has led to the creation of Guam's first-ever youth summit, "Mo'na Manhoben," which culminated in the creation of a youth action plan which was presented to government of Guam department and agency heads and to the Guam Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Youth Congress (GYC) continues to give a voice to legislation that directly impacts their interests, and provides various forums that encourage youth engagement on all levels such as their quarterly town-hall meetings that are hosted in rotating public schools on the island; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee on the Advancement of Youth has worked diligently with the Guam Youth Congress to ensure their passed bills are introduced in the Guam Legislature and heard, some of which have now become public law, such as the "Period Poverty Act of 2021" and the "Manhoben Para I Fines'ia Act"; and

WHEREAS, even today, the Guam Legislature continues to hold public hearings on numerous bills that were passed by their youth counterparts, to include the "Sugar Tax Bill" and the "Drivers' Handbook" at all public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Youth Advisory Council (GYAC) continues to work closely with government of Guam department and agency heads to ensure that youth representation and engagement is at the forefront of the decisions being made for the island; and

WHEREAS, many of Guam's youth volunteer in activities and programs throughout their schools, or private and religious organizations, for the betterment of our island community; and

WHEREAS, both in and out of school, Guam's youth participate in sports, music, dance, theatre, and other activities, which provide enjoyment, entertainment, and cultural appreciation for all communities; and

WHEREAS, Guam's youth are engaged in the use and development of technology and social media, supporting and promoting new skills and abilities which will be vital to Guam's future; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize the numerous youth-serving organizations that collaborate to support the success of Guam's youth, such as the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA), the government agency that is tasked to promote positive youth development; the Island-wide Board of Governing Students (IBOGS), an organization that is used as a platform for students to give their opinions to promote a stronger and safer environment in schools; the Guam Department of Education, which has been a change agent in educating the youth of Guam; the Governor's Youth Advisory Council, which advises the Governor on current issues affecting our island's youth; and the Guam Youth Congress, a youth organization that provides experience and a better understanding of the Legislative branch of our government; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina Trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the observance of "Youth Month" during the month of April 2024; and commend the Department of Youth Affairs and the numerous organizations, advocates, and partners for their continued dedication and commitment to the youth of Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Melanie Brennan, Director, Department of Youth Affairs; to the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center; to the Guam Police Department (Project U); to Humanities *Guåhan*; to the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence; to *Toda* Guam Foundation; to Westcare Pacific Islands/Sanctuary, Incorporated; to *Mañila* Guam; to the Chairperson of the Island-wide Board of Governing Students; to the Superintendent of the Guam Department of Education; to the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency (CAHA); to the Youth Speaker of the 34th Guam Youth Congress; to the Chairperson of the Governor's Youth Advisory Council; to the Honorable Amanda L. Shelton, Senator and Chairperson of the Committee on Maritime Transportation, Air Transportation, Parks, Tourism, Higher Education, and the Advancement of Women, Youth, and Senior Citizens; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Magsa'higan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 18TH DAY OF MARCH 2024.

Therese M. Terlaje
THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

Amanda L. Shelton
AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

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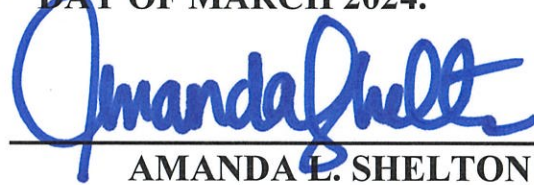
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25 Transportation, Parks, Tourism, Higher Education, and the Advancement of Women,

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- 2 *Maga'hågan Guåhan.*

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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

March 28, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators

37th Guam Legislature

From: Senator Amanda L. Shelton 

Re: Presentation Notice for Resolution No. 356-37(LS)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of: Resolution No. 356-37 (LS) – Amanda L. Shelton. – Relative to recognizing the observance of “Youth Month” during the month of April 2024; and commending the Department of Youth Affairs and the numerous organizations, advocates, and partners for their continued dedication and commitment to the youth of Guam.

The presentation will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., at the Guam Congress Building, Public Hearing Room.

We look forward to your participation and attendance.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'.

