

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
403-37 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje Sabina Flores Perez Chris Barnett Jesse A. Lujan Frank Blas, Jr. Joanne M. Brown Tina Rose Muña Barnes Christopher M. Dueñas William A. Parkinson Roy A. B. Quinata Joe S. San Agustin Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas Amanda L. Shelton Telo T. Taitague	Relative to recognizing the island's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) professionals on the Fiftieth (50th) Year Anniversary of "National EMS Week" from May 19 to 25, 2024; and commending the Department of Public Health and Social Services - Office of the Emergency Medical Services, Guam Emergency Medical Services Commission, Guam Fire Department, and Guam Community College School of Allied Health for their dedication to saving lives and providing quality emergency care.	5/14/24 3:35 p.m.	5/16/24 1:00 p.m.	5/15/24 12:32 p.m.					

Resolution No. 403-37 (COR)

Introduced by

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

WHEREAS, Guam joins the nation in recognizing "National EMS Week" from May 19 to 25, 2024, and the commemoration of the Fiftieth (50th) Year Anniversary of EMS Week, and
WHEREAS, this year's theme, "*Honoring Our Past, Forging Our Future*," evokes a deep appreciation for the rich legacy of the profession and the tireless dedication of EMS practitioners through the years. It is a reminder to stay focused on progress, innovation, and strengthening the commitment to provide unwavering support for EMS to ensure they can meet the public's urgent needs effectively; and
WHEREAS, emergency medical services (EMS) are the cornerstone of our island community's public welfare. The devoted members of emergency medical services teams exhibit unwavering readiness to administer life-saving aid around the clock, every day of the week; and
WHEREAS, the availability of prompt and high-quality emergency care enhances the prospects of survival and recovery for individuals facing sudden illness or injury; and
WHEREAS, the evolution of emergency medical services has adeptly filled a crucial void by delivering essential out-of-hospital care, encompassing preventative medicine, post-incident care, and access to telemedicine services; and
WHEREAS, the framework of emergency medical services comprises an array of indispensable contributors, including first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, law enforcement officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, proficient members of the public, and other providers of out-of-hospital medical care; and
WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether employed in a professional capacity or volunteering their time, dedicate countless hours to specialized training and ongoing education, thereby augmenting their capacity for life-saving interventions; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 10 Guam Code Annotated, Chapter 84, the Office of Emergency Medical Services at DPHSS oversees the EMS system on Guam, ensuring its effectiveness. This includes establishing a pre-hospital EMS system with the necessary equipment, personnel, and facilities to provide timely and sufficient medical care to all emergency patients. Additionally, the office ensures compliance with standards, rules, and regulations for EMS personnel, equipment, training programs, facilities, and communication systems, maintaining an adequate EMS system; and
WHEREAS, legislative appropriations to the Guam Community College (GCC) School of Allied Health introduced the long-awaited paramedic program, now available for first responders on Guam, significantly enhancing emergency medical services on the island by addressing the crucial need for trained paramedics. The program enables EMTs to gain essential training and certification as paramedics, the highest emergency medical technician certification level. Paramedics are equipped to provide advanced life support, including administering IV fluids and medications and performing respiratory procedures. Successful participants qualify for the Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (NREMT-P) exam and become certified paramedics. Additionally, GCC's accreditation as an Alternate Location for The School of EMS is a national first. This program's establishment marks a milestone in improving emergency medical response times, where every minute is critical during medical emergencies; and
WHEREAS, the Guam Fire Department now boasts fourteen (14) nationally licensed paramedics after completing the EMS Paramedic Program in Tyler, Texas, and passing the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians exam. These paramedics are recognized as allied health professionals focused on providing advanced medical care for critical and emergent patients within the emergency medical system; and
WHEREAS, this achievement marks a significant enhancement in the department's capabilities, as paramedics possess the technical expertise to deliver vital services during emergencies. Their licensure elevates their role beyond advanced EMTs, which previously represented the highest level of care provided by GFD. As frontline responders to medical emergencies, paramedics play a pivotal role in saving lives. Their licensure underscores their proficiency in delivering crucial medical care and their unwavering commitment to preserving lives within our communities; and
WHEREAS, the 36th Guam Legislature, recognizing the critical importance of ensuring the highest standards of emergency medical care for the residents of Guam - "*ER to the Door*," passed Bill No. 335-36 (COR), now known as Public Law 36-121 to enhance the regulatory framework governing emergency medical services, establishing clear guidelines for initial licensure, fees, eligibility criteria, training standards, and skill requirements for emergency medical service personnel, thereby upholding the highest standards of emergency medical care, and ensuring the safety and well-being of all individuals in need of urgent medical assistance across the island; and
WHEREAS, *Liheslaturan Guahan*, extends its appreciation to the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) - Office of the Emergency Medical Services, Guam Emergency Medical Services Commission, Guam Fire Department, and Guam Community College School of Allied Health for its unwavering commitment to elevating standards in our island community's EMS Care; now therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of *Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, recognize the island's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) professionals on the Fiftieth (50th) Year Anniversary of "National EMS Week" from May 19 to 25, 2024; and commend the Department of Public Health and Social Services - Office of the Emergency Medical Services, Guam Emergency Medical Services Commission, Guam Fire Department, and Guam Community College School of Allied Health for their dedication to saving lives and providing quality emergency care; 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 Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) - Office of the Emergency Medical Services and the Guam Emergency Medical Services Commission; Guam Fire Department, Guam Community College School of Allied Health; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Magsiagan Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 15TH DAY OF

MAY 2024

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



MARIE CRUZ
5/16/24
11:11 am

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9 *Maga'hågan Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
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THERESE M. TERLAJE

Speaker



CHRIS BARNETT

Chairperson, Committee on Rules



AMANDA L. SHELTON

Legislative Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Chris Barnett, Chairperson, Committee on Rules

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guahan

37th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

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	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson					
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	<i>TMT</i>	5/15/24	X		
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member	E-Vote	5/15/24	X		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member					
Senator William A. Parkinson Member	E-Vote	5/15/24	X		
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	E-Vote	5/15/24	X		
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member					
Senator Joanne M. Brown Minority Member	E-Vote	5/15/24	X		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member	E-Vote	5/15/24	X		
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member					
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	E-Vote	5/15/24	X		
For Sponsor’s Office Use Only					
Sponsor Signature: <i>Therese M. Terlaje</i>					
Staff Contact Person: Marie Cruz					
For COR/Clerk’s Office Use Only					
<u>7</u> Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Joaquin 'Quin' P. Taitague					
Date: May 15, 2024 at 12:32 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

May 15, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*

Subject: **Notice of Presentation - Resolution No. 403-37 (COR)**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of **Resolution No. 403-37 (COR)** - “Relative to recognizing the island’s Emergency Medical Services (EMS) professionals on the Fiftieth (50th) Year Anniversary of “National EMS Week” from May 19 to 25, 2024; and commending the Department of Public Health and Social Services - Office of the Emergency Medical Services, Guam Emergency Medical Services Commission, Guam Fire Department, and Guam Community College School of Allied Health for their dedication to saving lives and providing quality emergency care.”

Resolution No. 403-37 (COR) will be presented on **Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., at the Guam Congress Building, Public Hearing Room.**

We look forward to your participation.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

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