

I MINA'TRENTAI KU'ATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GU'AHAN
RESOLUTION STATUS

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195-34 (COR)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Joe S. San Agustin	Relative to recognizing and commending the Department of Public Health and Social Services, the Breastfeeding Nutrition Action Team of the Non-Communicable Disease Consortium (NCD), other community partners from Guam Community College, University of Guam and the Guam Memorial Hospital in their efforts to raise awareness for the 4th Annual Breastfeeding Awareness Health Fair "Guam Breastfeeding Awareness Month"; This year's 2017 theme revolves around the Breastfeeding Action Team's mission statement to "Sustaining Breastfeeding Together"; and extending a sincere <i>Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase</i> to these organizations who protect, promote and support breastfeeding for Guam Mother's throughout the year.	8/11/17 11:39 a.m.	8/26/17 10:00 a.m.						

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2017 (FIRST) Regular Session

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Introduced by:

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS**, from August 1, 2017 thru August 7, 2017, one-hundred-twenty
4 (120) countries will celebrate breast-feeding with a special focus on how breast-
5 feeding can impact Sustainable Development Goals, seventeen (17) goals created by
6 the United Nations to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity; and

7 **WHEREAS**, This year’s World Breastfeeding Week aims to raise awareness
8 about the benefits of breast-feeding while also tackling global sustainability goals, as
9 the theme for 2017 is “Breastfeeding: A key to Sustainable Development”; and

1 **WHEREAS**, breast-feeding can be connected to multiple sustainability areas,
2 which include nutrition and food security; health, well-being and survival;
3 environment and climate change; work productivity, empowerment and social
4 protection; and sustainable partnerships and rule of law; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the week commemorates the 1990 signing of the Innocenti
6 Declaration, a joint document created by The United Nations Children’s Emergency
7 Fund (*UNICEF*) and the World Health Organization (*WHO*) that promotes breast-
8 feeding; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the initiative is organized by the World Alliance Breastfeeding
10 Action (*WABA*), a global network of organizations and individuals who advocate for
11 women’s rights to breast-feed which the alliance was formed in February 1991 and
12 World Breastfeeding Week has been celebrated for more than twenty (20) years,
13 according to the organization’s website; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in the United States, rates of breast-feeding are on the rise,
15 according to the 2014 Breast Feeding Report Card produced by the Centers for
16 Disease Control and Prevention. Of infants born in 2011, nearly 80 percent started to
17 breast-feed, the report states; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Healthy People 2020 breastfeeding objective are for 81.9% of
19 mothers to initiate breastfeeding, for 60.6% of new mothers to continue breastfeeding
20 until their infants are six months, for 34.1% to breastfeed until one year, for 46.2% to
21 exclusively breastfeed thorough three months, and for 25.5% to breastfeed exclusively
22 through six months. In the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (*CDC*)
23 Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care Report for the Island Territories
24 2013, the Pacific Islands’ Composite Quality Practice Score was 73 out of 100. This
25 was 2.81% higher than the 2011 score of 71. Some of the strengths noted in the report
26 were that 100% of all island facilities consistently ask about and record mother’s

1 infant feeding decisions and most (83%) include breastfeeding education as a routine
2 element in their prenatal classes; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Breastfeeding Action Team was created within the Guam
4 Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Consortium, which started as a group of
5 enthusiastic individuals who understood the many breastfeeding benefits.
6 They heavily promoted community awareness outreach events with Guam’s first
7 Breastfeeding Conference entitled “*Let’s Make It Work*” in September 2015. Over 100
8 participants attended the daylong meeting. The aim of the conference was to further
9 educate the island on the benefits of breastfeeding, breastfeeding support products and
10 services were available; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Breastfeeding Action Team promoted the World
12 Breastfeeding Week and Breastfeeding Awareness month and shared information via
13 social media, radio and TV talk shows, shared materials to support mother and
14 increase breastfeeding rates, distributed breastfeeding law (Public Law 32-098 (“*Nana*
15 *Yan Patgon Act*”)) cards all throughout Breastfeeding Awareness month; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Breastfeeding Action Team has been instrumental in bringing
17 awareness to Guam Public Law 32-098 (“*Nana Yan Patgon Act*”) which ensures that
18 women have the right to breastfeed or express milk during working hours in a clean
19 and safe room or private designated area, other than a toilet staff. In addition, Guam’s
20 Department of Corrections now provides detained mothers with breast pumps and a
21 breastfeeding room at Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport is under construction;
22 now therefore, be it

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’Trentai Kuattro Na*
24 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
25 of Guam, recognize and commend the Department of Public Health and Social
26 Services, the Breastfeeding Nutrition Action Team of the Non-Communicable Disease

1 Consortium (NCD), other community partners from Guam Community College,
2 University of Guam and the Guam Memorial Hospital in their efforts to raise
3 awareness for the 4th Annual Breastfeeding Awareness Health Fair “*Guam*
4 *Breastfeeding Awareness Month*”; This year’s 2017 theme revolves around the
5 Breastfeeding Action Team’s mission statement to “*Sustaining Breastfeeding*
6 *Together*”; and extending a sincere *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse* to these
7 organizations who care and serve Guam’s Mother’s throughout the year; and be it
8 further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
10 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
11 the same be thereafter transmitted to Maggie Bell, the Department of Public Health
12 and Social Services, the Breastfeeding Nutrition Action Team of the Non-
13 Communicable Disease Consortium (NCD), Guam Community College, University of
14 Guam and the Guam Memorial Hospital; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*
15 *Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ____
DAY OF AUGUST 2017.**

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Legislative Secretary