

I MINA 'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
RESOLUTION STATUS

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2-34 (COR)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Relative to recognizing and commending the Guam Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition on the observance of this year's 2017 "Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Week," with the theme "Help Me Grow"; and to further extending a warm and sincere Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ãse' to the Coalition for strengthening families on Guam and reminding the people of Guam of the values, security, and love that we give and receive from our families.	01/03/17 12:25 p.m.	01/07/17	01/06/17				

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTAI KLÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the mission of the Guam Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition is to advocate for improved access to health care, to provide health education and family support, to increase public awareness of healthy behaviors, and to help parents and professionals understand how to prevent infant deaths and improve maternal and child health; and

WHEREAS, the overall role of Guam's Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program is to assess the health needs of mothers, children, and their families; to use that information to advocate effectively on their behalf in the development of policies; and to support programs and funding streams which have the potential to improve the health of mothers and their babies; and

WHEREAS, there were three thousand three hundred seventy-three (3,373) births in 2015, and the majority (29.3%) of the mothers were women ages twenty (20) to twenty-four (24) years old. About 63% of the women received adequate prenatal care while 6.9% had no prenatal care at all. Chamorro and Chuukese women were more likely to have inadequate or no prenatal care compared to Filipino, Caucasian, or Asian women; and

WHEREAS, access to health care services, including preventive care, primary care, and tertiary care, often depends on whether a person has health insurance. According to the Guam Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, the number of women who responded that they had some kind of health care coverage grew by 1.56% over the 2013 data and the number of women who responded "yes" to the question, "Was there a time in the past twelve (12) months when you needed to see a doctor but could not because of cost?" decreased by 15.44% from the 2013 data; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy People 2020 breastfeeding objectives are for 81.9% of mothers to initiate breastfeeding; for 60.6% of new mothers to continue breastfeeding until their infants are six (6) months old; for 34.1% to breastfeed through one (1) year; for 46.2% to exclusively breastfeed through three (3) months; and for 25.5% to breastfeed exclusively through six (6) months. In the 2013 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care Report for the Island Territories, the Pacific Islands' Composite Quality Practice Score was seventy-three (73) out of one hundred (100). This was 2.81% higher than the 2011 score of seventy-one (71). Some of the strengths noted in the report were that one hundred percent (100%) of all island facilities consistently ask about and record mother's infant feeding decisions; and most, eighty-three percent (83%), include breastfeeding education as a routine element in their prenatal classes; and

WHEREAS, there is strong evidence that home visiting supports good maternal and health outcomes. Since 2010, Guam has applied for and has been awarded the Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) grant funding through the Health Resources and Services Administration, known as *Project Bisita I Familia* ("to visit the family"), which is intended to support the delivery of coordinated and comprehensive high-quality voluntary early childhood home visiting services. The program conducted home visiting services to ten (10) pregnant women in 2015. Some topics discussed during home visits include: back pain, a birth plan, feeding (breast or formula), the benefits of breast feeding, the importance of a child car seat, stages of labor, eating for two (diet), a support network, physical exercise, and what to bring or prepare for the hospital; and

WHEREAS, infant mortality is widely regarded as a measure of a community's social and economic health and well-being. It reflects a range of factors such as medical issues, the ability of health care systems to respond to the needs of women and infants, environmental factors, and social issues such as poverty, education, and culture. Furthermore, infant mortality tells us something about women's lives, their lifestyle and personal habits, their relationships, and the stress they experience. Quantitative analysis showed that Guam's infant mortality rate was 11.26 infant deaths per 1,000 live births, an increase of 47.18% over 2014 data. Strong racial disparities are present and should be addressed to achieve health equity; and

WHEREAS, as we observe "Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Week," we must work to strengthen families on Guam. This year's theme of "*Help Me Grow*" serves to remind us that families strengthen our communities by teaching important values such as honesty and compassion. Early years are vital in child development; and

WHEREAS, the theme "Help Me Grow" is about promoting healthy development for every child on our island and addressing the need for early identification of developmental and/or behavioral concerns, and to link children and families to community-based developmental and behavioral supports; and

WHEREAS, early detection and intervention are critical for optimal outcomes for children, but too often children miss this opportunity. "Help Me Grow" addresses this by building community programs, providing a centralized access point for information and referral, promoting screening and surveillance, and educating and informing the community of available services; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition has partnered with numerous government agencies, non-profit organizations, and individuals who have played an active role to promote its mission and to educate the people of Guam, to include: Dr. Suzanne S. Kaneshiro, Chief Public Health Officer; Margarita Gay, Administrator, Bureau of Family Health & Nursing Services; Diana Santos, Social Worker III, Medical Social Services; Margaret Bell, PC IV, Maternal and Child Health Program; Audrey Topasna, PC IV, Project *Bisita I Familia*; Relida Sumaylo, Community Health Nurse Supervisor I; Eva Losbanes, Community Health Nurse II; Zenaida Okada, Administrative Assistant; Maria Dixon, Administrative Assistant; Elizabeth B. Calvo, Social Marketing/ Sustainability Manager, Project *Kariñu*; Cherrise L.G. Santiago, Social Worker III, Medical Social Services; Doris Manglona, Social Worker II, Medical Social Services; Terry Aguon, Acting Administrator, Project *Kariñu*; Annette Aguon, Communicable Disease Control Coordinator Supervisor; Francis Epres, Health Educator III, the Bureau of Family Health & Nursing Services, DPHSS; Guam Early Intervention Services (GEIS); Guam Early Hearing Detection Initiative (GEHDI); Head Start; the Bureau of Primary Care Services, DPHSS; the Maternal and Child Health Program, DPHSS; the Guam Child Death Review and Prevention Council; Project *Bisita I Familia*, DPHSS; Project *Kariñu*, DPHSS; the Guam Family Planning Program, DPHSS; the Guam Immunization Program, DPHSS; the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority; the University of Guam CEDDERS Program; Emergency Medical Services for Children, DPHSS; the Guam Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program, DPHSS; the Division of Environmental Health, DPHSS; and the *Rigalu* Foundation; now therefore, be it

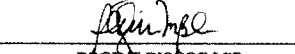
RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina Trentai Kuattro Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, recognize and commend the Guam Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition on the observance of this year's 2017 "Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Week," with the theme: "Help Me Grow"; and does further extend a warm and sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to the Coalition for strengthening families on Guam and reminding the people of Guam of the values, security, and love that we give and receive from our families; 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 Guam Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lhén Guhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN* ON THE 6TH DAY OF JANUARY 2017.


BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Speaker


MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS
Chairperson, Committee on Rules


REGINE BISCOE LEE
Legislative Secretary

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2017 (FIRST) Regular Session

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RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
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COMMITTEE ON RULES

Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, *Chairman*
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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Chairperson	<i>Evote</i>	<i>1/6/17</i>	✓		
Speaker Benjamin J. F. Cruz Member	<i>evote</i>	<i>1/6/17</i>	✓		
Vice-Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member					
Legislative Secretary Régine Biscoe Lee Member					
Senator Thomas C. Ada Member	<i>EVOTE</i>	<i>1/6/17</i>	✓		
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member	<i>evote</i>	<i>1/6/17</i>	✓		
Senator Telená Nelson Member					
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member	<i>ev</i>	<i>1/6/17</i>	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	<i>evote</i>	<i>1/6/17</i>	✓		
Senator James V. Espaldon Minority Member	<i>evote</i>	<i>1/6/17</i>	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					

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Name: _____ *[Signature]*

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