

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTION STATUS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
240-34 (COR)	Telena Cruz Nelson	Relative to commending and recognizing the achievements of LifeWorks Guam on the occasion of the 13th Annual LifeWorks Guam "Out of the Darkness , Our Community Walks, Candlelight Memorial Service"; and to further extending a sincere Un Dángkolo na Si Yu'os Ma'áse to it for its active and significant efforts in suicide prevention and awareness	9/20/17 9:01 a.m.	9/29/17 7:30 p.m.	9/22/17 6:09 p.m.					

Resolution No. 240-34 (COR)

Introduced by

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Thomas C. Ada	Louise B. Mufia
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Relative to recognizing and commending the achievements of LifeWorks Guam on the occasion of the 13th Annual LifeWorks Guam event - "Out of the Darkness, Our Community Walks, Candlelight Memorial Service;" and to further expressing a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'áse'* to LifeWorks Guam for its active and significant efforts in suicide prevention and awareness.

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

WHEREAS, since its inception in 2001, LifeWorks Guam has worked faithfully to provide a significant avenue for suicide prevention, and dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to all those affected by suicide on Guam, as well as throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, as the first organization on Guam to have obtained certification in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), LifeWorks Guam has trained individuals at numerous private entities and government agencies; and has trained at various organizations on Guam, such as the University of Guam, the Guam Community College, and the Guam Department of Education, Guam Hotel Industry, Department of Youth Affairs, Salvation Army, VARO, ALEE Shelter, Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, Guam Fire Department, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Military Community, Archdiocese of Agaña, as well as groups from Saipan, Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, Yap, Palau, and Japan; and from 2001 to 2003, LifeWorks Guam trained over two thousand (2,000) individuals solely, without government of Guam or federal funding; and

WHEREAS, on Guam, our community suffers from an extremely high incidence of suicide; and in fact, Guam has the highest suicide rate per capita within the nation; and suicide is the seventh (7th) leading cause of death on Guam; and

WHEREAS, most recently, from January to August of this year alone, twenty-three (23) deaths from suicide have occurred, confirming the significant need and ongoing efforts for resources and services that LifeWorks Guam specifically devotes itself to providing; and

WHEREAS, sixty percent (60%) of overall suicides on Guam occurred among individuals below the age of thirty (30); and about twenty-seven percent (27%) of suicides on Guam included direct evidence, such as a suicide note, of the intention of suicide, all of which attests to the frequency among youth and young adults and illustrates the potentiality of suicide prevention; and

WHEREAS, LifeWorks Guam explores ways to prevent suicide, and stays up-to-date with tools and training for suicide prevention research; it has been an advocate for suicide prevention education in our schools; it continually seeks to break the barriers that keep individuals from seeking help for mental health conditions; it offers healing and brings hope to those affected by suicide; and it engages with the community, legislators, and educators on the issue; and

WHEREAS, as an extension of the non-profit support group, Rainbows for All Children Guam, which assists children and teens to cope with a loss of a significant loved one and going through life's difficult transition, LifeWorks Guam continues to combine its efforts and establish partnerships; and

WHEREAS, LifeWorks Guam raises support and brings awareness of the issue of suicide through events, such as the LifeWorks Guam "Out of the Darkness, Our Community Walks Candlelight Memorial," which has taken place annually since 2004, and coincides with "Suicide Awareness Month" internationally; and

WHEREAS, the LifeWorks Guam event "Out of the Darkness, Our Community Walks Candlelight Memorial Service" is dedicated, above all, to the eternal remembrance of our loved ones who have taken their lives; and

WHEREAS, the net proceeds from the LifeWorks Guam Candlelight Memorial Service go to Rainbows for All Children Guam to further enhance and improve the services and support for our youth following the tragedy of a loss or abandonment in their lives; and

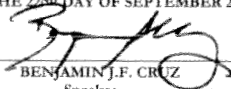
WHEREAS, LifeWorks Guam seeks to inspire individuals who may be harboring intentions or feelings of suicide with the choice of life; and provides an outlet to express heavy feelings and emotions, even through the cultural stigma that may exist or that they may experience in sharing such emotions; and

WHEREAS, LifeWorks Guam, the LifeWorks Guam volunteers, the volunteers from Rainbows for All Children Guam, Redeem Me God Worship Ministry, Santa Barbara Catholic School, Father Duenas Memorial School, have made the 13th Annual LifeWorks Guam, "Out of the Darkness, Our Community Walks, Candlelight Memorial Service" possible; and the work that they continually carry out has been fundamental to the mission of suicide prevention, the tasks of suicide interventions, and to making mental health a priority; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Kuáttro Na Liheslaturan Guáhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guáhan* and the people of Guam, recognize and commend the achievements of LifeWorks Guam on the occasion of the 13th Annual LifeWorks Guam event - "Out of the Darkness, Our Community Walks, Candlelight Memorial Service"; and does further express a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'áse'* to LifeWorks Guam for its active and significant efforts in suicide prevention and awareness; 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 Rainbows for All Children Guam; Redeem Me God Worship Ministry, Santa Barbara Catholic School, Father Duenas Memorial School; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Magi'liben Guáhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 22ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2017.


BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Speaker


RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules


RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Legislative Secretary



9/22/2017 (F)
6:15pm [Signature]

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2017 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 240-34 (COR)

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2 ***MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS,** since its inception in 2001, LifeWorks Guam has worked
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1 saving lives and bringing hope to all those affected by suicide on Guam, as well as
2 throughout the region; and

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6 various organizations on Guam, such as the University of Guam, the Guam
7 Community College, and the Guam Department of Education, Guam Hotel Industry,
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9 Justice, Department of Corrections, Guam Fire Department, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts,
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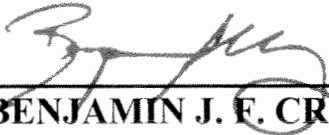
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12 carry out has been fundamental to the mission of suicide prevention, the tasks of
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14 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Kuattro Na*
15 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
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**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE OF RULES OF
*I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 22ND
DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2017.***



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Speaker



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Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

Resolution No. 240-34 (COR) – Telena Cruz Nelson – “Relative to recognizing and commending the achievements of LifeWorks Guam on the occasion of the 13th Annual LifeWorks Guam event - “Out of the Darkness, Our Community Walks, Candlelight Memorial Service;” and to further expressing a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to LifeWorks Guam for its active and significant efforts in suicide prevention and awareness.”

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Legislative Secretary Régine Biscoe Lee Chairperson	e-vote	9/21/17	✓		
Speaker Benjamin J. F. Cruz Member	e-vote	9/21/17	✓		
Vice-Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	e-vote	9/21/17	✓		
Senator Thomas C. Ada Member					
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member	e-vote	9/21/17	✓		
Senator Telena Cruz Nelson Member	T	9/21/17	✓		
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member	e-vote	9/21/17	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member					
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member	e-vote	9/21/17	✓		
Senator James V. Espaldon Minority Leader	e-vote	9/21/17	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					

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 Staff Contact Person: JENNIFER LOUISE DULLA

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 8 Certified _____ Returned _____
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 Date: 9/21/17
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