

***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
251-34 (LS)	Therese M. Terlaje Louise Borja Muña Telena Cruz Nelson Régine Biscoe Lee Mary Camacho Torres	"Relative to supporting and recognizing the numerous advocates of "Family Violence Awareness Month" in their tremendous efforts to strengthen our community to work together to end violence."	9/28/17 11:02 a.m.	<b>10/05/17</b> <b>4:00 p.m.</b>						

*I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN*  
2017 (FIRST) REGULAR SESSION

Resolution No. 251 -34 (LS)

Introduced By:

Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*  
Louise Borja Muña *LBM*  
Tena Cruz Nelson *TEN*  
Régine Biscoe Lee *RBL*  
Mary Camacho Torres *MCT*

**“Relative to supporting and recognizing the numerous advocates of "Family Violence Awareness Month" in their tremendous efforts to strengthen our community to work together to end violence.”**

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

3 WHEREAS, Family Violence means the occurrence of one (1) or more of  
4 the following acts by a family or household member, but does not include acts of  
5 self- defense or defense of others: attempting to cause or causing bodily injury to  
6 another family or household member; and placing a family or household member  
7 in fear of bodily injury; and

8 WHEREAS, violence and abuse can happen to anyone regardless of race,  
9 age, sexual orientation, religion or gender; and it affects people of all  
10 socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels, yet the problem is often  
11 overlooked, excused or denied; and

2017 SEP 28 AM 11:02

1           **WHEREAS**, violence and abuse occur in both opposite-gender and same-  
2 gender relationships; and can happen to intimate partners who are married, living  
3 together or dating; and

4           **WHEREAS**, violence not only affects those who are abused, but also has a  
5 substantial effect on family members, friends, co-workers, other witnesses, and the  
6 community at large; and

7           **WHEREAS**, in an effort to end the violence, Guam's leaders, community  
8 advocates, and the youth have taken the opportunity to come together and give the  
9 victims of this ongoing crisis a voice; and

10           **WHEREAS**, in an effort to end the violence, the Guam Legislature and the  
11 Office of the Attorney General of Guam created the Family Violence Registry, a  
12 website designed to help ensure the safety and well-being of the public by  
13 providing any person who utilizes this website with an opportunity to obtain  
14 information relating to the criminal history records of offenders who have repeat  
15 convictions of family, domestic, or dating violence, and/or stalking; and

16           **WHEREAS**, recent studies have shown that the level of family violence and  
17 sexual assault on Guam is still reaching an alarming amount. A new survey  
18 conducted on September 14, 2016 by the National Network to End Domestic  
19 Violence (NNEDV) reported that, in one (1) twenty-four (24)-hour period, forty-  
20 four (44) victims of domestic violence on Guam, and their children, received life-  
21 saving services from local domestic violence organizations. Domestic violence  
22 hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety  
23 planning, and resources. In the twenty-four (24)-hour survey period, local and state  
24 hotline staff answered thirteen (13) calls. On the survey day, fifteen (15)  
25 individuals in communities across Guam attended one (1) training session  
26 provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed  
27 information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Family Violence and Sexual Assault practitioners and  
2 advocates, the STOP Violence Against Women sub-grantees, government and non-  
3 Governmental organizations, faith-based organizations, and other community  
4 partners have joined forces to directly and collectively confront this family  
5 violence crisis. These community organizations include the following: the  
6 Andersen Air Force Base (AAFB) Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office;  
7 the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church (IHOM); the AAFB Family  
8 Advocacy Program; the Archdiocese of Agana – Office of Family Ministry; the  
9 Association of Individual, Marriage and Family Therapist (AIMFT); the Ayuda  
10 Foundation-Island Girl Power; Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Guam; the Catholic  
11 Social Service-Alee Shelter; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam  
12 Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives; the Department of Corrections,  
13 STOP Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA); the Guam Department of Education;  
14 the Department of Integrated Services for Individual with Disabilities (DISID); the  
15 Department of Public Health & Social Services (DPHSS) Bureau of Adult  
16 Protective Services, Bureau of Social Services Administration, and Child  
17 Protective Services; the Department of Youth Affairs-STOP PREA; Erica's House  
18 Inc.; the Guam National Guard-Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program;  
19 the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault And Family Violence; the Guam  
20 Community College; the Guam Legal Services Corporation-Disability Law Center  
21 (GLSC-DLC); Guam Moms Helping Moms and Families; the Guam Police  
22 Department - Domestic Assault Response Team; the Guam Sexual Assault and  
23 Abuse Resource Center Association (SAARCA); Guam's Alternative Lifestyle  
24 Association (GALA); Guma' Mami, Inc.; the Healing Hearts Crisis Center  
25 (HHCC) – Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center; the Judiciary of Guam;  
26 the Mayors Council of Guam; the Navy Fleet/Family Support - Navy Fleet and  
27 Family Advocacy Program; the Navy SAPR-Naval Base Guam Sexual Assault

1 Prevention and Response Program; the Oasis Empowerment Center; the Office of  
2 the Attorney General of Guam; Pacific Human Resources; the Public Defender  
3 Service Corporation; Sanctuary Inc.; the Salvation Army Guam Corps; the U.S.  
4 Attorney General; the University of Guam-Violence Against Women Prevention  
5 Program (UOG-VAWPP); Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO); and  
6 WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI); and

7 **WHEREAS**, the incredible effort, compassion, and untiring dedication of  
8 these volunteers, professionals, and organizations in addressing sexual assault and  
9 family violence on Guam deserve recognition and support by our entire  
10 community; now therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina 'Trentai Kuáttro Na  
12 Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the  
13 people of Guam, support and recognize the numerous advocates of "Family  
14 Violence Awareness Month" in their tremendous efforts to strengthen our  
15 community to work together to end violence; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on  
17 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that  
18 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Coalition Against Sexual  
19 Assault And Family Violence; to the Office of the Attorney General of Guam; to  
20 the Judiciary of Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen*  
21 *Guåhan*.

22

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON  
RULES OF I MINA 'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN  
GUÅHAN THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017.**

---

**BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**

**Speaker**

---

**REGINE BISCOE LEE**

**Legislative Secretary**