

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation
275-34 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje	Relative to commending and congratulating the Division of Senior Citizens – Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) for being awarded a three (3) year grant for Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life and launching the Training and Advocacy Services Initiative (TASI) Project.	10/20/17 3:31 p.m.	10/26/17 8:30 a.m.

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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, the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence
4 Against Women, granted the Division of Senior Citizens – Department of Public
5 Health and Social Services (DPHSS), the lead applicant, a three (3) year grant in the
6 amount of three hundred seventy-five thousand (\$375,000.00) for Enhanced Training
7 and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program; and

8 WHEREAS, the key collaborative partners in support of the application
9 included the Judiciary of Guam, the Office of the Attorney General of Guam with the
10 emphasis on Prosecution Division, Governor's Community Outreach – Federal
11 Programs Office, Catholic Social Service (CSS) with the emphasis on the Alee
12 Shelter, the Guam Police Department (GPD) with the emphasis on the Domestic
13 Assault Response Team (DART), and the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and
14 Family Violence; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Adult Protective Services (BAPS), Division of
2 Senior Citizens, DPHSS reported that in the last eight fiscal years, October 2009
3 through September 2017, BAPS and its contracted provider, CSS, investigated over
4 2,184 referrals of abuse, neglect and exploitation of the island’s elderly and adults
5 with a disability. During the same eight-year period, seventy-six (76) clients were
6 served in the emergency shelter program; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the key collaborative partners recognize the need to build Guam’s
8 capacity in the area of training and services to victims of abuse in later life, thus,
9 calling the program Training and Advocacy Services Initiative (TASI) Project; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the TASI project’s purpose is to increase and strengthen training
11 for police, prosecutors, and the judiciary in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting
12 instances of abuse, neglect, exploitation, domestic violence, and sexual assault (to
13 include dating violence and stalking) against older individuals fifty (50) years of age
14 or older; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the project will work to provide or enhance services for older
16 victims, create or support multidisciplinary collaborative community responses to
17 older victims, conduct cross-training for victim service organizations, governmental
18 agencies, courts, law enforcement and nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations
19 providing services to older victims; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the project partners will review existing policies and protocols
21 and to agree to put in place a body of policies and protocols to aid in improving in the
22 identification, investigation, prosecution and adjudication of cases of elder abuse,
23 exploitation and neglect, including domestic violence and sexual assault resulting in
24 Guam’s Collaborative Community Response to victims of abuse in later life; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the project brings forth the continued need to build local capacity
26 that will ensure services to victims of abuse, with emphasis on victims of abuse in

1 later life, are provided in comprehensive and coordinated fashion that promotes the
2 protection and advocacy of victims; now therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro Na*
4 *LiheSlaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I LiheSlaturan Guåhan* and the people
5 of Guam, commend and congratulate the Division of Senior Citizens – Guam
6 Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) and its key collaborative
7 partners on successfully being awarded the Enhanced Training and Services to End
8 Abuse in Later Life Program Grant and launching the Training and Advocacy
9 Services Initiative (TASI) Project; and to further expressing *Un Dångkolo na Si Yu'os*
10 *Ma'åse'* to the DPHSS TASI Project and its partner agencies for their dedication to
11 strengthening our community and keeping our *manåmko'* safe; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
13 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
14 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Department of Public Health and
15 Social Services (DPHSS) – Division of Senior Citizens, the Judiciary of Guam, the
16 Office of the Attorney General of Guam – Prosecution Division, the Governor's
17 Community Outreach – Federal Programs Office, the Catholic Social Service (CSS) –
18 Alee Shelter, the Guam Police Department (GPD) – Domestic Assault Response Team
19 (DART), and the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence; and to
20 the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

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

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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Legislative Secretary