

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
297-34 (COR)	Régine Biscoe Lee B. J.F. Cruz Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Relative to recognizing the observance of World AIDS Day on December 1, 2017; and to further extending appreciation to the World AIDS Day 2017 Planning Committee comprised of the Guam HIV Planning Group (HPG), Guam's Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA), WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI), and the students of the University of Guam's Introduction to Community Services (SW-110) and Generalist Social Work Practice Methods (SW-331) for strengthening Guam's community response to HIV and continuing to mobilize our island's efforts in the fight against HIV.	11/21/17 3:08 p.m.	12/1/17 5:30 p.m.	12/01/17					

Resolution No. 297-34 (COR)

Introduced by

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:

WHEREAS, it is the custom of the Guam Legislature to acknowledge official days that are set aside to increase awareness of serious issues that affect the lives of the people of Guam, and

WHEREAS, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, the Guam Legislature is moved to recognize the observance of World AIDS Day on Friday, December 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is observed annually on December 1 every year, bringing people together from around the world to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS; and since 1995, the President of the United States of America has made an official proclamation on World AIDS Day; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is an opportunity for public and private partners to spread awareness about the status of the pandemic, and to encourage progress in HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care, here on Guam and around the world; and

WHEREAS, initiated by the United Nations and first observed in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first-ever global health day declared; and commemorating the day presents an opportunity to demonstrate international solidarity in the face of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, HIV/AIDS continues to be a major global public health issue, as the disease has claimed more than twenty-five million (25,000,000) lives over the past three (3) decades, making it one of the most destructive epidemics in recorded history; and

WHEREAS, more than one million two hundred thousand (1,200,000) Americans are living with HIV; and an estimated fifty thousand (50,000) new HIV infections are occurring each year. On Guam, two hundred fifty-three (253) cases of HIV infections have been reported since 1985; and approximately sixty-seven (67) people currently have HIV; and

WHEREAS, in alignment with the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS), the Guam HIV Planning Group (HPG), whose mission is to "identify new HIV infections and reduce HIV-related disparities through the collaboration and coordination of prevention, care, and treatment services on our island," plays a critical role in the seamless coordination of partnerships of public and private organizations, such as WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI), Guam's Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA); the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center; the University of Guam; the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services Family Planning, Maternal Child Health, Immunization, and Tuberculosis Programs; the Guam Department of Education; Sanctuary, Incorporated; the Oasa Empowerment Center; the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence; the Salvation Army; and other community members; and

WHEREAS, to date, WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI) and Guam's Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA) are the only two (2) community-based organizations on Guam that retain certified STD/HIV prevention counselors and implement HIV Rapid Testing and STD testing; and

WHEREAS, local efforts are ongoing to promote greater access to treatment, including antiretroviral drugs, so that people living with HIV (PLWH) can continue to avert the HIV continuum of care services and enjoy healthy and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, given the substantial biological evidence demonstrating the increased likelihood of both HIV transmission and acquisition in the presence of other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) like chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis, unprotected sex, already a proven risk factor for HIV transmission, must continue to be addressed through cross collaboration among community stakeholders as an important strategy to curb new HIV infections; and

WHEREAS, although Guam is considered a low HIV prevalence area, local efforts must be sustained to prevent an HIV epidemic. The Guam HIV Planning Group's role is to ensure that the island's resources are directed toward strengthening STD and HIV prevention and care efforts. Additionally, HPG continues to ensure the provision of interventions to key populations, such as men who have sex with men (MSM), injection drug users (IDU), and pregnant women at risk for STDs, with a special focus on developing sexual reproductive health and responsibility programs, and behavioral wellness programs, among young people ages fifteen (15) to twenty-five (25); and

WHEREAS, public and private partnerships boost the island's effort to respond to HIV by advocating for appropriately developed programs that promote sexual reproductive health and behavioral health and wellness, and whose implementation is geared towards the eradication of AIDS; and

WHEREAS, as we observe World AIDS Day on December 1, this year's Guam theme of "LOVE. HOPE. LIFE" reminds us that our work is far from over in reducing shame and stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS, and that we must recommit ourselves to push the pace of change, without ceasing, to create an AIDS-free generation; and

WHEREAS, the activities planned for Guam's observance of World AIDS Day 2017 would not be possible were it not for the collective efforts and commitment of the following organizations and individuals: the Guam HIV Planning Group (HPG), WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI), Guam's Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA), the students of the University of Guam's Introduction to Community Services (SW-110) and Generalist Social Work Practice Methods (SW-331), and other community members; now therefore, be it

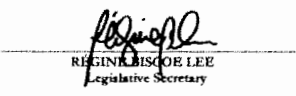
RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina Trentai Kuattro Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guahan and the people of Guam, recognize the observance of World AIDS Day on December 1, 2017, and does further extend appreciation to the World AIDS Day 2017 Planning Committee, comprised of the Guam HIV Planning Group (HPG), Guam's Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA), WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI), and the students of the University of Guam's Introduction to Community Services (SW-110) and Generalist Social Work Practice Methods (SW-331) for strengthening Guam's community response to HIV and continuing to mobilize our island's efforts in the fight against HIV; 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 HIV Planning Group (HPG); to Guam's Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA); to WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI); to the students of the University of Guam's Introduction to Community Services (SW-110) and Generalist Social Work Practice Methods (SW-331); and to the Honorable Edward B. Calvo, I Maysi Iken Gudhaa.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER 2017.


BENJAMIN P. CRUZ
Speaker


REGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules


REGINE BISCOE LEE
Legislative Secretary



12/14/17 @ 11:52 am. J

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

Resolution No. 297-34 (COR)

Introduced by:

Régine Biscoe Lee
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Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
Thomas C. Ada
FRANK B. AGUON, JR.
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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

1 **WHEREAS**, it is the custom of the Guam Legislature to acknowledge official
2 days that are set aside to increase awareness of serious issues that affect the lives of the
3 people of Guam; and

4 **WHEREAS**, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding
5 traditions, the Guam Legislature is moved to recognize the observance of World AIDS
6 Day on Friday, December 1, 2017; and

7 **WHEREAS**, World AIDS Day is observed annually on December 1 every year,
8 bringing people together from around the world to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS;
9 and since 1995, the President of the United States of America has made an official
10 proclamation on World AIDS Day; and

11 **WHEREAS**, World AIDS Day is an opportunity for public and private partners
12 to spread awareness about the status of the pandemic, and to encourage progress in
13 HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care, here on Guam and around the world; and

14 **WHEREAS**, initiated by the United Nations and first observed in 1988, World
15 AIDS Day was the first-ever global health day declared; and commemorating the day
16 presents an opportunity to demonstrate international solidarity in the face of the
17 pandemic; and

18 **WHEREAS**, HIV/AIDS continues to be a major global public health issue, as
19 the disease has claimed more than twenty-five million (25,000,000) lives over the past
20 three (3) decades, making it one of the most destructive epidemics in recorded history;
21 and

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23 Americans are living with HIV; and an estimated fifty thousand (50,000) new HIV
24 infections are occurring each year. On Guam, two hundred fifty-three (253) cases of
25 HIV infections have been reported since 1985; and approximately sixty-seven (67)
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2 Guam HIV Planning Group (HPG), whose mission is to “identify new HIV infections
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4 prevention, care, and treatment services on our island,” plays a critical role in the
5 seamless coordination of partnerships of public and private organizations, such as
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8 Department of Public Health and Social Services Family Planning, Maternal Child
9 Health, Immunization, and Tuberculosis Programs; the Guam Department of
10 Education; Sanctuary, Incorporated; the Oasis Empowerment Center; the Guam
11 Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence; the Salvation Army, and other
12 community members; and

13 **WHEREAS**, to date, WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI) and Guam’s Alternative
14 Lifestyle Association (GALA) are the only two (2) community-based organizations on
15 Guam that retain certified STD/HIV prevention counselors and implement HIV Rapid
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17 **WHEREAS**, local efforts are ongoing to promote greater access to treatment,
18 including antiretroviral drugs, so that people living with HIV (PLWH) can continue to
19 avail of the HIV continuum of care services and enjoy healthy and productive lives; and

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21 increased likelihood of both HIV transmission and acquisition in the presence of other
22 sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) like chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis,
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24 addressed through cross collaboration among community stakeholders as an important
25 strategy to curb new HIV infections; and

1 **WHEREAS**, although Guam is considered a low HIV prevalence area, local
2 efforts must be sustained to prevent an HIV epidemic. The Guam HIV Planning Group’s
3 role is to ensure that the island’s resources are directed toward strengthening STD and
4 HIV prevention and care efforts. Additionally, HPG continues to ensure the provision
5 of interventions to key populations, such as men who have sex with men (MSM),
6 injection drug users (IDU), and pregnant women at risk for STDs, with a special focus
7 on developing sexual reproductive health and responsibility programs, and behavioral
8 wellness programs, among young people ages fifteen (15) to twenty-five (25); and

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10 to HIV by advocating for appropriately developed programs that promote sexual
11 reproductive health and behavioral health and wellness, and whose implementation is
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14 theme of “*LOVE. HOPE. LIFE*” reminds us that our work is far from over in reducing
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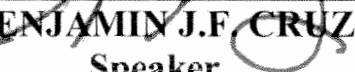
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19 following organizations and individuals: the Guam HIV Planning Group (HPG),
20 WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI), Guam’s Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA),
21 the students of the University of Guam’s Introduction to Community Services (SW-
22 110) and Generalist Social Work Practice Methods (SW-331), and other community
23 members; now therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’Trentai Kuáttro Na*
25 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
26 of Guam, recognize the observance of World AIDS Day on December 1, 2017; and does


1 further extend appreciation to the World AIDS Day 2017 Planning Committee,
2 comprised of the Guam HIV Planning Group (HPG), Guam's Alternative Lifestyle
3 Association (GALA), WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI), and the students of the
4 University of Guam's Introduction to Community Services (SW-110) and Generalist
5 Social Work Practice Methods (SW-331) for strengthening Guam's community
6 response to HIV and continuing to mobilize our island's efforts in the fight against HIV;
7 and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
9 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
10 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam HIV Planning Group (HPG); to Guam's
11 Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA); to WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI); to the
12 students of the University of Guam's Introduction to Community Services (SW-110)
13 and Generalist Social Work Practice Methods (SW-331); and to the Honorable Edward
14 J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 1ST DAY
OF DECEMBER 2017.**


BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Speaker


RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules


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Legislative Secretary

Senator Thomas C. Ada,
Vice Chairperson

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SENATOR RÉGINE BISCOE LEE, CHAIR
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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

Resolution No. 297-34 (COR) — Régine Biscoe Lee, B. J.F. Cruz, Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. — “Relative to recognizing the observance of World AIDS Day on December 1, 2017; and to further extending its appreciation to the World AIDS Day 2017 Planning Committee comprised of the Guam HIV Planning Group (HPG), Guam’s Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA), WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPPI), and the students of the University of Guam’s Introduction to Community Services (SW-110) and Generalist Social Work Practice Methods (SW-331) for strengthening Guam’s community response to HIV and continuing to mobilize our island’s efforts in the fight against HIV.”

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Legislative Secretary Régine Biscoe Lee Chairperson	<i>Régine Biscoe Lee</i>	11/29/17	✓		
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice Chairperson	<i>e-vote</i>	11/29/17	✓		
Speaker Benjamin J. F. Cruz Member	<i>e-vote</i>	11/29/17	✓		
Vice-Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	<i>e-vote</i>	11/29/17	✓		
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member	<i>e-vote</i>	11/29/17	✓		
Senator Telena Cruz Nelson Member	<i>e-vote</i>	11/29/17	✓		
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	<i>e-vote</i>	11/29/17	✓		
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member	<i>e-vote</i>	11/29/17	✓		
Senator James V. Espaldon Minority Leader	<i>e-vote</i>	11/29/17	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member	<i>e-vote</i>	11/29/17	✓		

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Sponsor Signature: *Régine Biscoe Lee*

Staff Contact Person: *Joe S. San Agustin*

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Name: *Robert Fagan*

Date: _____

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SENATOR RÉGINE BISCOE LEE**

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December 11, 2017

MEMORANDUM:

TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Régine Biscoe Lee 

SUBJECT: Presentation of Resolution No. 297-34 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai! Please join us in presenting the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 297-34 (COR): "Relative to recognizing the observance of World AIDS Day on December 1, 2017, and to further extending a warm and sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to Guam HIV Planning Group (HPG), Guam's Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA), WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI), and the University of Guam's Introduction to Community Services (SW-110) and Generalist Social Work Practice Methods (SW-331) students for strengthening Guam's community response to HIV and continuing to mobilize our island's efforts in the fight against HIV."

The presentation will take place on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 12 p.m.
Guam Congress Building, Hagåtña, Guam.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

CC: Sergeant at Arms

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