

***I MINA 'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN***  
**RESOLUTION STATUS**

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted
350-34 (COR)	FRANK B. AGUON, JR	Relative to recognizing and acknowledging those individuals who are affected by Autism, and commending their families for their unconditional love and dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, and family members; and to further commending Autism Community Together (ACT) for its efforts to promote autism awareness and support to families especially during the observance of the month of April 2018 as "Autism Awareness Month"; and its Eleventh (11th) Annual Autism Awareness Fair to be held on April 14, 2018 with this year's theme: "Learn, Accept, Support Autism."	2/16/18 4:19 p.m.	4/14/18 10:00 a.m.	3/14/18 1:23 p.m.

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Resolution No. 350-34 (COR)

Introduced by:

FRANK B. AGUON, JR.	
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three (3) years of a child's life and affects their ability to communicate and interact with others; and, there is no single cause for autism, but increased awareness and funding can help families today; and

WHEREAS, autism is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a "spectrum disorder" that affects individuals differently, to varying degrees; and, it knows no racial, ethnic, or social boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDN) Network found that about one (1) in sixty-eight (68) children were identified with ASD based on tracking across multiple areas of the United States. This same data revealed that some characteristics of children with ASD have remained the same - boys were almost five (5) times more likely to be identified with ASD than girls. Today, one (1) in forty-five (45) children will be diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders. More children are diagnosed with ASD than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes, and pediatric AIDS combined; and

WHEREAS, caring for a child with ASD can place a heavy economic burden on families and communities. The ADDN Network estimates that it costs at least Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) more per year to care for a child with ASD, as compared to a child without ASD. Costs include health care, education, ASD-related therapy, family coordinated services, and caregiver time. Taken together, it is estimated that the total societal costs of caring for children with ASD was more than 11.5 Billion Dollars in 2011; and

WHEREAS, a quarter century ago, a nationwide effort was launched to promote autism awareness, inclusion, and self-determination for all, and assure that each person with ASD is provided the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life. This year the Autism Society wants to go beyond simply promoting autism awareness, by encouraging friends and collaborators to become partners in the movement toward acceptance and appreciation; and

WHEREAS, parents and family members, support groups, researchers, and professionals have dedicated years of service in their ongoing efforts to advocate for the rights, respect, dignity, humane treatment, and appropriate education of all persons with autism; and, in order to highlight the growing need for concern and awareness about autism, the Autism Society has celebrated "National Autism Awareness Month" during the month of April, and this year's theme is: "Learn, Accept, Support Autism;" and

WHEREAS, Autism Community Together (ACT), which was formed in January 2004, has continued to spearhead an awareness effort in order to educate parents, professionals, and the general public about autism and its effects; and, various activities are being coordinated throughout the month of April 2018 to further these goals, including the Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Annual Autism Awareness Fair to be held on April 14, 2018 at the *Agaña* Shopping Center, where vendors will participate in featuring informational displays to disseminate and spread autism awareness relative to education, employment, career, and many related service agencies; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'Trentai Kuattro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, recognize and acknowledge those individuals who are affected by autism, and commend their families for their unconditional love and dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, and family members; and does further commend Autism Community Together (ACT) for its efforts to promote autism awareness and to provide support to families, especially during the observance of "Autism Awareness Month" in the month of April 2018, and its Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Annual Autism Awareness Fair to be held on April 14, 2018, with this year's theme: "Learn, Accept, Support Autism;" 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 Board of Directors of Autism Community Together (ACT); to Josephine Blas, ACT President; to Kristal Flores, ACT Vice President; to Mary Cruz, ACT Secretary; to Denise Raphael, ACT Treasurer; to Ana Kilroy, ACT Board Member; to Lourdes Bascon Mendiola, ACT Board Member; to Evelyn Claros, ACT Board Member; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Magsa'tiben Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2018.

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ  
Speaker

REGINE HISCOR LEE  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

REGINE HISCOR LEE  
Legislative Secretary





Office of  
**SENATOR FRANK B. AGUON, JR.**

THIRTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE · I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

April 2, 2018

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** ALL HONORABLE SENATORS  
**FROM:** SENATOR FRANK B. AGUON, JR.  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution Presentation

*Buenas yan Hafa Adai!*

Your presence is kindly requested at the presentation of **Resolution No. 350-34 (COR)**. Relative to recognizing and acknowledging those individuals who are affected by Autism, and commending their families for their unconditional love and dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, and family members; and to further commending Autism Community Together (ACT) for its efforts to promote autism awareness and support to families especially during observance of the month of April 2018 as “Autism Awareness Month.”

**Date:** Saturday, April 14, 2018  
**Time:** 10:00 AM  
**Place:** Center Court, Agana Shopping Center

*Si Yu'os Ma'ase'!*

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**Committee Chairman: Guam-US Military Buildup · Infrastructure · Transportation**

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**2018 (SECOND) Regular Session**

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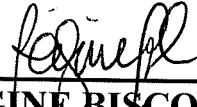
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8 *Maga'láhen Guáhan*.

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DAY OF MARCH 2018.**

  
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**BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**  
Speaker

  
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**RÉGINE BISCOE LEE**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
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Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje,  
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**COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET**

**Resolution No. 350-34 (COR) — FRANK B. AGUON, JR. —** “Relative to recognizing and acknowledging those individuals who are affected by autism, and commending their families for their unconditional love and dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, and family members; and to further commending Autism Community Together (ACT) for its efforts to promote autism awareness and to provide support to families, especially during the observance of “Autism Awareness Month” in the month of April 2018, and its Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Annual Autism Awareness Fair to be held on April 14, 2018, with this year’s theme: “Learn, Accept, Support Autism.”

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Legislative Secretary Régine Biscoe Lee Chairperson	<i>[Signature]</i>	3 Mar 18	✓		
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice Chairperson	Email	3-9-18	✓		
Speaker Benjamin J. F. Cruz Member	Email	3-9-18	✓		
Vice-Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	Email	3-9-18	✓		
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member	<i>[Signature]</i>	3/9/18	✓		
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Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member					
Senator James V. Espaldon Minority Leader	Email	3-9-18	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					
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Staff Contact Person: <i>Melicia Benavente</i>					
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Name: <i>PAPE</i> <i>FRANK B. AGUON, JR.</i>					
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