

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTION STATUS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted
382-34 (COR)	Régine Biscoe Lee B. J.F. Cruz	Relative to recognizing and expressing solidarity with victims and survivors of sexual assault, and to further raising awareness of survivors' stories and experiences and of efforts to combat sexual violence by designating April 25, 2018 as "Denim Day" on Guam.	4/19/18 3:35 p.m.	4/25/18 6:45 p.m.	4/25/18 8:54 a.m.

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Resolution No. 382-34 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and expressing solidarity with victims and survivors of sexual assault, and the efforts to combat sexual violence and raise awareness of survivors' stories and experiences, by designating April 25, 2018 as "Denim Day" on Guam; and further encouraging all participants to wear jeans on this day to demonstrate their support for victims of sexual assault and violence.

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

WHEREAS, in an effort to raise awareness and bring an end to the startling statistics on sexual assault throughout the United States, Guam joins the nation in recognizing the month of April 2018 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month"; and
WHEREAS, according to the Guam Coalition against Sexual Assault and Family Violence (the "Coalition"), a group of nonprofit organizations, government allies, and community individuals seeking to stop sexual assault and family violence, sexual assault is defined as "any type of sexual contact or behavior that occurs without the explicit consent of the recipient. Falling under the definition of sexual assault are sexual activities such as forced sexual intercourse, forcible sodomy, child molestation, incest, fondling, and attempted rape"; and
WHEREAS, a report conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 2013 revealed that the national rate for reported rapes is around twenty-five (25) per every one hundred thousand (100,000) people; and
WHEREAS, according to the National Organization of Asians and Pacific Islanders Ending Sexual Violence, Guam has the second (2nd) highest number of sexual assaults per capita, with around sixty-four (64) reported rapes per one hundred thousand (100,000) people; and
WHEREAS, between 2008 and 2015, Healing Hearts Crisis Center, Guam's only rape crisis center, provided direct crisis intervention services to nine hundred three (903) victims of sexual assault; and
WHEREAS, in 2016 alone, the Healing Hearts Crisis Center reported eighty-seven (87) sexual assault cases, eighty percent (80%) of which involved children, adolescents, and/or individuals under the age of eighteen (18); and
WHEREAS, in 2017, Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO), a nonprofit volunteer corporation on Guam, assisted seventy-eight (78) victims of sexual assault with services, including intervention/advocacy, emergency shelter, food, clothing, transportation, personal hygiene, and other services; and
WHEREAS, a nationally representative survey released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention re-affirms that women are disproportionately affected by sexual violence, with estimates that one (1) in five (5) women will be raped at some point in their lives when compared with one (1) in seventy-one (71) men; and
WHEREAS, studies further indicate that women of color experience intimate partner violence at a rate that is thirty-five percent (35%) higher than Caucasian females (Women of Color Network); Members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) community are also disproportionately affected with fifty percent (50%) of transgender people and bisexual women encountering sexual violence at some point in their lifetimes (Human Rights Campaign); and
WHEREAS, regardless of these statistics, sexual violence can impact victims of all genders, ages, races, religions, cultures, and socio-economic circumstances, inflicting devastating consequences, including physical, emotional, and psychological trauma, if not dealt upon the abused and those around them; and
WHEREAS, "Denim Day" is a sexual violence prevention and education campaign that takes place during "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" to help raise awareness and take action against all forms of sexual violence throughout the community; and
WHEREAS, "Denim Day" began in 1999 after the Italian Supreme Court overturned a rape conviction based on a ruling that the victim must have consented to having sex because her attacker couldn't have removed her "very, very tight jeans" without her help; and
WHEREAS, in response to the court's decision, the women of the Italian Legislature came to work the next day wearing jeans as a statement of solidarity with the victim; and
WHEREAS, shortly after, the California State Senate and Assembly followed suit, inspiring the organization, Peace Over Violence, to establish the first "Denim Day" in the United States; and
WHEREAS, wearing jeans every April on "Denim Day" has now become a symbol of protest that there is no excuse for sexual assault, and that there is never an invitation to rape; and
WHEREAS, according to Peace Over Violence, this year's "Denim Day" falls on April 25, 2018; and
WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon Guam's elected leaders to support survivors of sexual assault by listening to their stories and recognizing the strength and courage it takes to come forward; and
WHEREAS, it is equally necessary that leaders openly challenge discourses that place blame upon anyone other than the perpetrator responsible for the sexual attack; and
WHEREAS, it is further critical that elected officials commit to measures, strategies, and resources that advance and strengthen sexual violence prevention and education; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'trentai Ku'attro Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of Liheslaturan Guahan and the people of Guam, recognize and express solidarity with victims and survivors of sexual assault, and the efforts to combat sexual violence and raise awareness of survivors' stories and experiences, by designating April 25, 2018 as "Denim Day" on Guam, and does further encourage all participants to wear jeans on this day to demonstrate their support for victims of sexual assault and violence; 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 all members of I Mina'trentai Ku'attro Na Liheslaturan Guahan; to Ms. Cynthia Cabot, Executive Director of the Guam Coalition against Sexual Assault and Family Violence; to Dr. Ulben Hez, Healing Hearts Rape Crisis Center; to Dr. Julie Ulloa-Heath, Executive Director of Victim Advocates Reaching Out; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maysihen Guahan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI KU'ATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 25TH DAY OF APRIL 2018.

BENJAMIN M. CRUZ
Speaker

REGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

REGINE BISCOE LEE
Legislative Secretary



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Subject: Presentation of Resolution No. 382-34 (COR)

April 23, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Honorable Senators

FROM: Senator Régine Biscoe Lee

SUBJECT: Presentation of Resolution No. 382-34 (COR)

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

Resolution No. 382-34 (COR): Relative to recognizing and expressing solidarity with victims and survivors of sexual assault and to further raising awareness of survivors' stories and experiences and of efforts to combat sexual violence by designating April 25, 2018 as "Denim Day" on Guam.

DATE: Wednesday, April 25

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Lecture Hall, University of Guam, Mangilao

I look forward to your attendance and participation should your schedule permit.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2018 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

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5 the explicit consent of the recipient. Falling under the definition of sexual assault are
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5 against Sexual Assault and Family Violence; to Dr. Ellen Bez, Healing Hearts Rape
6 Crisis Center; to Dr. Julie Ulloa-Heath, Executive Director of Victim Advocates
7 Reaching Out; and to 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 25TH
DAY OF APRIL 2018.**



BENJAMIN J.R. CRUZ
Speaker



RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Legislative Secretary Régine Biscoe Lee Chairperson	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/24/18	✓		
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice Chairperson	E-VOTE	4/24/18	✓		
Speaker Benjamin J. F. Cruz Member	E-VOTE	4/24/18	✓		
Vice-Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	E-VOTE	4/24/18	✓		
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member	E-VOTE	4/24/18	✓		
Senator Telena Cruz Nelson Member	E-VOTE	4/24/18	✓		
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	E-VOTE	4/24/18	✓		
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member					
Senator James V. Espaldon Minority Leader					
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					

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Sponsor Signature: *[Signature]*

Staff Contact Person: _____

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Name: MARCO FERNANDEZ

Date: 4/25/18

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