

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

<b>Resolution No.</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Intro</b>	<b>Date of Presentation</b>	<b>Date Adopted</b>
<b>395-34 (LS)</b>	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Joe S. San Agustin	Relative to recognizing the observance of “Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Month” during May 2018, and acknowledging the Guam Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition in its mission to improve the health and safety of mothers, babies, and families through education and collaborative partnerships with private and public organizations; and to further expressing a warm and sincere Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to the Coalition for its hard work, commitment, and dedication to educating the people of Guam.	4/30/18 10:02 a.m.	5/12/18 12:00 p.m.	<b>4/30/18 10:02 a.m.</b>

Resolution No. 395-34 (LS)

Introduced by:

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*Handwritten signature and date:*  
5-11-18

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE *I MINA'TRENTAI KU'ATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GU'AHAN*:

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition has partnered with numerous government agencies and non-profit organizations, such as Project *Bilita I Familia*, Project *Karim*, the Guam Immunization Program, the Guam Breast and Cervical Program, the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority, the Guam Regional Medical City, military partners, the *Rigala* Foundation, the University of Guam CFDDERS Program, the Emergency Medical Services for Children, and the Guam Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program to promote its mission, and to educate the people of Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, all children deserve to grow up healthy and safe. We all share an obligation to ensure our children have the necessary resources to thrive. Unfortunately, in 2016, forty-six (46) babies did not reach their first (1<sup>st</sup>) birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, Guam vital statistics data for 2016 shows an infant mortality rate of 12.49 per 1,000 infants; and the 2016 infant mortality rate was 5.2% higher than for 2015. Prematurity and low birth weight were among the top five (5) causes of infant mortality on the island. Among them, 51.1% were classified as early pre-term, and 48.3% as late pre-term. The leading causes of death among the early pre-term births were respiratory distress syndrome (26.1%), and congenital anomalies (18.4%) in the late pre-term births; and

**WHEREAS**, when it comes to health care for women of childbearing age, Guam is currently experiencing a mixture of results based on the specific types of care. The percentage of pregnant women who received prenatal care in the first trimester in 2016 was 76.2%, which was an increase of 19% over 2015 data; and

**WHEREAS**, the protection and development of children are fundamental necessities to the future progress of Guam. In 2017, the number of referrals to Child Protective Services was 5.6% higher than in 2016; and this could be attributed to the community's awareness of child abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, supporting our children's emotional and mental health is just as critical as protecting their physical health. The act of bullying touches the lives of young people and can affect their mental health; and, parents and schools should have the support they need to address harassment because no child should be hurt, and no child should be ashamed of who they are; and

**WHEREAS**, Project *Bilita I Familia*, Guam's home visiting program, gives pregnant women and families, particularly those considered at risk, necessary resources and skills to raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to learn; and

**WHEREAS**, Project *Bilita I Familia* has hosted numerous Parent Cafés. Parent Cafés engage parents in meaningful conversations about what matters most – their family and how to strengthen their family by building protective factors; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's "Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Month" theme is "Healthy Families = Healthy Babies," and the thought behind "Healthy Families = Healthy Babies" is the devotion to improving healthy family development. Through every passing generation, families form the backbone of our society. With pride, passion, and a commitment to their loved ones, family members give of themselves to create opportunities they never had and forge a brighter future for themselves and their children; and

**WHEREAS**, families of every race, religion, and background have written Guam's story and embodied our belief that out of many, we are one. Adoptive and foster families open their hearts and their homes to welcome children in need; military families sacrifice precious time with their loved ones to give us the opportunity to be with ours; and families of gay and lesbian couples who fought so long for basic civil rights, were finally recognized as equal under the law; and

**WHEREAS**, on this day before Mother's Day, we celebrate those who are the first to welcome us into the world. Performing the most important work there is, mothers – biological, foster, or adoptive – are our first role models and earliest motivators. They balance enormous responsibilities and shape who we become as adults, with their lessons guiding us throughout life; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Ku'attro Na Liheslaturan Gu'ahan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the observance of "Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Month" during May 2018, and acknowledge the Guam Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition in its mission to improve the health and safety of mothers, babies, and families through education and collaborative partnerships with private and public organizations; and does further express a warm and sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'dese'* to the Coalition for its hard work, commitment, and dedication to educating the people of Guam; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Magsajuben Gu'ahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI KU'ATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GU'AHAN* ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2018.

THERESE M. TERLAJE  
Acting Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE  
Legislative Secretary



## Clerks

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**From:** Joan Aguon <joanaguon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 11, 2018 9:26 AM  
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**Subject:** REVISED: Presentation of Resolution No. 395-34(LS)

May 11th, 2018

**To:** All Senators

**From:** Sen. Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

**Subject:** Presentation of Resolution No. 395-34(LS)

*Hafa Adai!*

Please join me in presenting the following:

**Legislative Resolution No. 395-34(LS)** recognizing May as Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Month and acknowledging the Guam Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition and its mission to improve the health and safety of mothers, babies and families through education and collaborative partnerships of private and public organizations.

Presentation will take place on **Saturday, May 12th, 2018 at 10am at the Micronesia Mall Center Court.**

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**2018 (SECOND) Regular Session**

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2 Breast and Cervical Program, the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority, the Guam  
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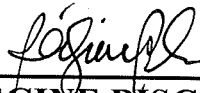
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