

**I MINA'TRENTAI KUÂTTRO 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
463-34 (COR)	B. J.F. Cruz	Relative to recognizing the Guam Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA), Incorporated, its Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and supporters for their notable contributions to the welfare of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) community; and to commending them for ensuring inclusivity throughout Guam's social services and policies; and to further congratulating them on the occasion of GALA's Tenth (10th) Anniversary.	6/21/18 4:21 p.m.	6/24/18 7:00 p.m.	6/22/18 12:39 p.m.					

Resolution No. 463-34 (COR)

Introduced by:

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

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA) was founded on June 16, 2008, as a community-based organization that exists to strengthen the quality of life of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) persons, their families and friends through support, education and advocacy. GALA upholds a society that embraces social diversity through love and respect for all; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization was principally founded by Franklin S. Sablan and co-founded by Jose Garcia, BinaRose L.G. Lujan, Eileen V. Escalera, and Leinani M.Q. Naholowa'a. GALA's current board of directors are President Reverend James Moore; Vice-President Ashley Yamanaka, MPH; Treasurer/Secretary Attorney Bill Pesch; and member Ronald Gogo. The current staff include Executive Director Tim de La Cruz, PhD; Administrative/Project Assistant Florencia Mesa; and Project Coordinator Adam Eustaquio; and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception, GALA has been a tireless advocate for the LGBTQ community, pushing for relationship equality in 2009, combating social injustice and breaking down social and health barriers impacting the LGBTQ community through leveraging resources, and establishing strong community partnerships with government entities and civil society organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, GALA's core services include Project *Alungaffu'* Peer Education Program, which addresses sexual/reproductive health, HIV/AIDS/STD, substance abuse, and suicide prevention through a peer and cultural empowerment approach. There are over eighty (80) people who have been trained to be health advocates, helping the organization implement programs in the community specifically among at-risk populations and school-based settings. Peer educators have been youth and young adults, LGBTQ persons, parents, other helping practitioners, high school and college students, and straight allies; and

**WHEREAS**, in line with these community education efforts, GALA has provided free HIV/STD testing and prevention services, evidence-based substance abuse/suicide workshops, life skills and employability skills training, support groups, individual supportive counseling, mentorship and LGBTQ sensitivity trainings, technical assistance to other organizations serving LGBTQ populations; and

**WHEREAS**, GALA also maintains an active volunteer and internship program. Interns have included LGBTQ and straight allies working toward postsecondary degrees in Human Services, Social Work and Psychology. Faithful to one of its founding purposes, GALA has also been a leader in collecting health and social data on the LGBTQ community, while also serving on the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center Guam State Epidemiological Operating Workgroup (SEOW) on substance abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, GALA was and continues to be a member of the Governor's Prevention Education and Community Empowerment (PEACE) Council, Payu-ta, Non-Communicable Disease Consortium, HIV Planning Group, Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence, US Attorney LGBTQ Coalition and Pacific Island Jurisdiction AIDS Action Group; and

**WHEREAS**, June 24, 2018 marks GALA's Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary of organizational achievements of its foundation; and GALA's, the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and supporters celebrate their service, dedication, and contributions to the LGBTQ community and our island; and

**WHEREAS**, *I Liheslaturan Guahan* recognizes those conscientious organizations of this island whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in our community, and commends those organizations that distinguish themselves through outstanding professionalism, profound compassion, and enduring commitment to the community they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the sense of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* that when organizations of such noble aim and tremendous impact to society are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized for their social contributions; 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*, recognize the Guam Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA), Incorporated, its Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and supporters for their notable contributions to the welfare of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) community; and does commend them for ensuring inclusivity throughout Guam's social services and policies; and does further congratulate them on the occasion of GALA's Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary; 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 GALA, Incorporated; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Magsa'lahen Guahan*.


**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2018.**

  
BENJAMIN F. CRUZ  
Speaker

  
RÉGINE BISCOE LEE  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
RÉGINE BISCOE LEE  
Legislative Secretary



 6/22/18



Office of the Speaker  
**BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**  
*I Mina'trentai Kuåtro na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication

June 22, 2018

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** All Members  
34<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

**From:** Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz

**Subject:** Presentation of Resolution No. 463-34 (COR)

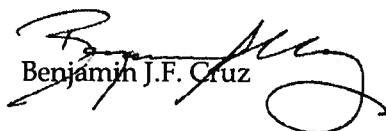
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*Håfa adai!* Please join me in presenting the following:

**Resolution No. 463-34 (COR) – B.J.F. Cruz** – “Relative to congratulating GALA, Incorporated of Guam upon the occasion of its Tenth Year Anniversary; to commending the organization for ensuring inclusivity throughout Guam’s social services and policies; and to recognizing its board of directors, staff, volunteers, and supporters for their notable contributions to the welfare of the LGBTQ community and our island.”

The presentation is scheduled for **7:00 PM on Sunday, June 24, 2018** during the reception dinner following GALA’s Pride Mass at the **St. John’s Episcopal Church**.

*Si Yu’os Ma’ase,*

  
Benjamin J.F. Cruz

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

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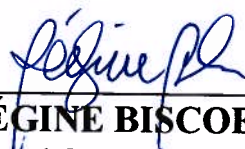
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DAY OF JUNE 2018.**

  
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**BENJAMIN J.R. CRUZ**  
Speaker

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

  
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**SENATOR RÉGINE BISCOE LEE, CHAIR**  
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**COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET**

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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSENT
Legislative Secretary Régine Biscoe Lee Chairperson	email	6/22	✓		
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice Chairperson					
Speaker Benjamin J. F. Cruz Member	email	6/22	✓		
Vice-Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	email	6/22	✓		
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member					
Senator Telena Cruz Nelson Member					
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member	email	6/22	✓		
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Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member	email	6/22	✓		
Senator James V. Espaldon Minority Leader					
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					

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Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Contact Person: Sarah Elm

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18 Certified \_\_\_\_\_ Returned \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Joselyn P. Taitage

Date: 6/22/18

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

