

**I MINA'TRENTAI KU'ATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GU'AHAN**  
**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
158-34 (COR)	Régine Biscoe Lee B. J.F. Cruz	Relative to recognizing and commemorating June as LGBTQ Pride Month and expressing gratitude to Guam Pride, Inc., Guam Visitors Bureau, ISA LGBT Guam, Guam's Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA), and House of Diosa for the celebrations during LGBTQ Pride Month in the month of June 2017; and commending them for their work in promoting the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community of Guam.	6/21/17 4:06 p.m.	6/26/17 1:00 p.m.						

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2017 (FIRST) Regular Session

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Introduced by:

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

3 WHEREAS, although the Stonewall Riots of New York City in June of 1969,  
4 where patrons of the Stonewall Inn resisted and fought back against police abuse and  
5 harassment, is widely considered the start of the modern civil rights movement for  
6 lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT) equality in the United States and is  
7 commemorated each year since in June as LGBT Pride Month; and

8 WHEREAS, Guam has long been a place where family, friends, and  
9 community members who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT)  
10 feel welcomed and appreciated and where efforts to strengthen our families by

1 recognizing and affirming our LGBT community members in our families, villages,  
2 schools, churches, workplaces and under the law continue to progress; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in April 2015, Loretta M. Pangelinan and Kathleen M. Aguero  
4 and their legal team filed a legal challenge on Guam in Aguero v. Calvo which  
5 eventually brought marriage equality for the first time to a U.S. territory; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in the Spring of 2015, Jim Obergefell, the named plaintiff in the  
7 marriage equality case before the U.S. Supreme Court, travelled to Guam where his  
8 father served in WWII and was featured as the University of Guam Commencement  
9 Speaker and in the President's Speaker Series, just weeks before his landmark case  
10 brought marriage equality nationwide in a 5-4 decision at the U.S. Supreme Court  
11 case in Obergefell v. Hodges; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Summer of 2015 brought more progress for LGBT equality on  
13 Guam with the passage of P.L. 33-64 the Guam Employment Non-Discrimination  
14 Act, introduced by Senator B.J. Cruz, and P.L. 33-64 the Guam Marriage Equality Act  
15 of 2015, introduced by Senator Nerissa Bretania Underwood; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Guam held its first major Pride LGBT March on June 10, 2017;  
17 and it was led by grand marshal Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, who decades earlier had  
18 led an impromptu LGBT Pride march with his partner Johnny and friends and  
19 continues to make history as one of the only openly-LGBT speakers of a legislature in  
20 the country; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Guam has begun to invest in cultivating LGBT tourism and has  
22 also become a regional destination for same-sex weddings, and with the Guam  
23 Visitor's Bureau (GVB) joining the International Gay and Lesbian Travel Association  
24 to partner in accessing the LGBT tourism market and promoting Guam during the  
25 "Year of Love"; and

1           **WHEREAS**, everyday LGBT community members and their supporters  
2 continue to make history everyday in their social, familial, political, athletic, business  
3 and religious affiliations in our community, including through LGBT organizations  
4 like Guam Pride, Inc., ISA LGBT Guam, Guam’s Alternative Lifestyle Association  
5 (GALA), and the House of Diosa that support and advocate for inclusion of the the  
6 LGBTQ community year-round; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam are known for their kindness and compassion,  
8 and recognize and support the fight for equality and the progress made in creating an  
9 island society and world that is more inclusive and accepting; now therefore, be it

10           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’ Trentai Kuattro Na*  
11 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the people  
12 of Guam, congratulate Guam Pride, Inc., Guam Visitors Bureau, ISA LGBT Guam,  
13 Guam’s Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA), and the House of Diosa on the  
14 celebration of LGBTQ Pride Month during the month of June 2017; and does further  
15 thank them for their ongoing work in making Guam a better place to live, work and  
16 visit for everyone and for promoting the social, economic, cultural and political  
17 achievements of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBT)  
18 community of Guam and our visitors; and be it further

19           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
20 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
21 the same be thereafter transmitted to Guam Pride, Inc.; to ISA LGBT Guam; to  
22 Guam’s Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA); to Guam Visitors Bureau; to the  
23 House of Diosa; 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 KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE  
DAY OF JUNE 2017.**

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**BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**  
Speaker

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**MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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**RÉGINE BISCOE LEE**  
Legislative Secretary