

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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
49-34 (LS)	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 2017 as "Autism Awareness Month"; and its Tenth (10th) Annual Autism Awareness Fair to be held on April 8, 2017 with this year's theme: "Embracing Our World."	03/08/17 1:03 p.m.	04/08/17 10:00 a.m.	03/08/17 1:03 p.m.					

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BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA TRENTAI KUÁTTRO 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. There is no single cause for autism, but increased awareness and funding can help families today. Autism is further defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a "spectrum disorder" that affects individuals differently, to varying degrees and knows no racial, ethnic, or social boundaries; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, the Autism Society, the nation's leading grassroots autism organization, was founded by Dr. Bernard Rimland, Dr. Ruth Sullivan, and many other parents of children with autism. Through its strong national network of affiliates, the Autism Society has spearheaded the passage of numerous pieces of state and local legislation, including the 2006 Combating Autism Act, the first federal autism-specific law; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network (ADDM) 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, such as, 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 Disorder. 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 ADDM 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 in caring for children with ASD was more than \$11.5 Billion Dollars in 2011; and

WHEREAS, twenty-five (25) years ago, a nationwide effort was launched to promote autism awareness, 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 towards acceptance and appreciation, as well as inclusion in our communities and self-determination for all; and

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

WHEREAS, the Autism Community Together (ACT) of Guam, was formed in January 2004, and it continues to spearhead awareness efforts in order to educate parents, professionals, and the general public about autism and its effects. During April 2017, various activities are being coordinated to further these goals, including the 10th Annual Autism Awareness Fair to be held on April 8, 2017 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

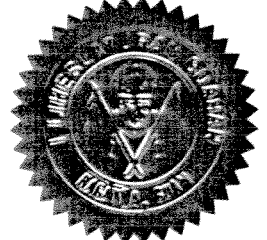
RESOLVED, that I Mina Trentai Kudtiro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and acknowledge those individuals who are affected by autism, and commend their families for their unconditional love and dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, and family members; and, also commend ACT for its efforts to promote autism awareness and for its support to families, especially during the observance of "Autism Awareness Month" during the month of April 2017; and does further recognize ACT for coordinating its Tenth (10th) Annual Autism Awareness Fair to be held on April 8, 2017 at the *Agaña* Shopping Center, with this year's theme, "Embracing Our World"; 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 Board of Directors of Autism Community Together (ACT) of Guam; to Josephine Blas, President; to Joseph Leon Guerrero, Vice President; to Kristal Flores, Secretary; to Denise Perez-Raphael, Treasurer; to Mary Cruz, Board Member; to Ana Kilroy, Board Member; to Lourdes Mendiola, Board Member; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga Iåhen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 8TH DAY OF MARCH 2017.


THERESE M. TERLAJE
Acting Speaker


REGINE BISCOE LEE
Legislative Secretary




4/7/2017
9:58 am

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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