

**I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
29-35 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje Tina Rose Muña Barnes	Relative to recognizing and observing March 2019 as "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" on Guam, with this year's theme "Diversity, Acceptance, and Inclusion for All", in honor of our island brothers and sisters with developmental disabilities and their families; and to further extending Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC), the University of Guam, Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service (CEDDERS), and the Guam Legal Services Corporation – Disability Law Center (GLSC – DLC) and community organizations, government of Guam entities, and stakeholders who serve as ambassadors to help spread awareness on our island for individuals with developmental disabilities.	2/7/19 8:51 a.m.	2/27/19 12:30 p.m.						

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

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1987, President Ronald Reagan issued a public proclamation that
4 the month of March would be recognized as Developmental Disabilities Awareness
5 Month to “increase public awareness of the needs and potential of Americans with
6 disabilities.” According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
7 approximately one in six children have a developmental disability, which is considered
8 an impairment in physical, learning, language, or behavior areas. Developmental
9 Disabilities Awareness Month is a time to educate the community about the needs of

1 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities as well as reflect on the
2 progress made towards improving the quality of life for those individuals and their
3 families.; and

4 **WHEREAS**, a developmental disability is defined in the DD Act as in general,
5 a severe, chronic disability of an individual that is attributable to a mental or physical
6 impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments that manifests before
7 the individual attains age 22 and is likely to continue indefinitely; and

8 **WHEREAS**, a developmental disability results in substantial functional
9 limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity such as self-
10 care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for
11 independent living, and economic self-sufficiency. Developmental Disabilities reflect
12 the individual’s need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or
13 generic services, individualized supports, or other forms of assistance that are of
14 lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month highlights that
16 people with disabilities have a valuable role to play in the communities in which they
17 live. Their involvement builds personal connections, helps to dispel misconceptions
18 about people living with developmental disabilities, and enables them to contribute back
19 to their community as civic volunteers and partners. Using person-centered,
20 community-centered, and purposeful learning approaches, which are not currently part
21 of the field of developmental disabilities, helps lead to systemic change in the civic
22 engagement process at the local level and creates an environment that is more inclusive
23 and accepting of our developmental disability population; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month promotes awareness
25 and understanding of the opportunities, challenges and needs of persons with
26 developmental disabilities. It recognizes Guam’s public policy accomplishments

1 concerning individuals with developmental disabilities. Developmental Disabilities
2 Awareness Month also identifies the improvements to public policy that are needed to
3 ensure that all of Guam’s citizens with developmental disabilities have the capacity to
4 lead full, productive and engaged lives. People with and without developmental
5 disabilities come together to form our strong island community, and we must all
6 continue to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental
7 disabilities in all facets of community life.; and

8 **WHEREAS**, The Guam Developmental Disabilities Council is involved in
9 advocating for programs that promote positive system changes that allow individuals
10 with developmental disabilities to achieve optimum independence and to promote
11 innovative programs and practices that improve the quality of life for these individuals.
12 The council encourages all Guamanians to actively participate in events that
13 appropriately recognize and celebrate Guam’s culturally diverse population, including
14 individuals with developmental disabilities; now therefore be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Singko Na*
16 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
17 of Guam, recognize and observe March 2019 as “Developmental Disabilities
18 Awareness Month” on Guam, with this year’s theme “Diversity, Acceptance, and
19 Inclusion for All”, in honor of our island brothers and sisters with developmental
20 disabilities and their families; and does further extend Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'
21 to the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC), the University of Guam,
22 Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service
23 (CEDDERS), and the Guam Legal Services Corporation – Disability Law Center
24 (GLSC – DLC) and community organizations, government of Guam entities, and
25 stakeholders who serve as ambassadors to help spread awareness on our island for
26 individuals with developmental disabilities; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
2 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
3 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council
4 (GDDC), the University of Guam, Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
5 Education, Research, and Service (CEDDERS), and the Guam Legal Services
6 Corporation – Disability Law Center (GLSC – DLC); and to the Honorable Lourdes
7 Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY
OF MARCH 2019.**

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary