

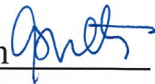
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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46-35 (COR)	Amanda L. Shelton	Relative to commending and congratulating the Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT) on the occasion of its Twenty Fifth Year Anniversary celebration on March 1, 2019; and to further recognizing GSAT for its leadership in providing invaluable services to individuals with disabilities and their families.	2/21/19 12:03 p.m.	3/1/19 9:00 a.m.						

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Introduced by:

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the University of Guam Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Education, Research, and Services (Guam CEDDERS) established the Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT) project in 1994, after a three year development grant was approved by the U.S Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the movement to provide technology-related assistance to individuals with disabilities began with the Disabilities Act of 1998, as amended in 1994, 1998, and 2004 (P.L 100-407 and 103-218); and referred to as the “AT Act of 1998” (P.L. 105-394), which was passed on November 13, 1998, and the “AT Act of 2004” (P.L. 108-364), which was passed on October 24, 2004, and which provided the much needed funding for the grant; and

WHEREAS, since 2004, GSAT has annually served an average of two hundred twenty individuals through training, and two hundred eighty individuals through

1 device demonstrations, it reached an estimated of forty-one thousand individuals
2 through public awareness activities, it provides about eighty hours of technical
3 assistance to public and private agencies, and four hundred forty-six short term device
4 loans, which saves clients an average of eleven thousand six hundred seventy nine
5 through its reutilization efforts; and to present provided about three hundred fifty
6 thousand six hundred eighty dollars in loan funds to finance assistive technology
7 devices, and two hundred sixty-four thousand nine hundred dollars to help individuals
8 with disabilities become self employed; and

9 **WHEREAS,** the purpose of the “AT Act” is to provide financial assistance to
10 states and territories to undertake activities that assist in maintaining and
11 strengthening a permanent comprehensive statewide program of technology-related
12 assistance for individuals with disabilities of all ages and in all environments; and

13 **WHEREAS,** the “AT Act” priority areas focus on activities which:

14 (1) provide direct aid to individuals with disabilities to ensure that they
15 have access to the technology they need, to the extent appropriate, and are able to
16 secure and maintain possession of assistive technology devices so they can more fully
17 participate in education, employment, and daily activities on a level playing field with
18 other members of their communities;

19 (2) increase the public’s awareness of laws, regulations, policies, procedures,
20 practices and organizational structures that facilitate the availability or provision of
21 assistive technology devices and services;

22 (3) increase the capacity of public and private entities to provide and pay for
23 assistive technology devices and services on a statewide basis for individuals with
24 disabilities of all ages;

25 (4) assist in developing and implementing strategies to ensure timely
26 acquisition and delivery of assistive technology; and

1 (5) increase the active involvement of individuals with disabilities and their
2 family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives in the planning,
3 development, implementation, and evaluation of such a program; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT) Program is
5 administered by the Guam Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
6 Education, Research, and Services (Guam CEDDERS), and it has developed a strong
7 foundation in the development of a comprehensive state-wide program of technology-
8 related assistance for individuals with disabilities within our island; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Whereas, the Guam System for Assistive Technology General
10 Membership Advisory Council is comprised of ten proactive members to include,
11 individuals with disabilities, parents, and family members, who are selected from
12 among their peers, advocacy organizations, nonprofit service providers, and
13 government of Guam agency representatives; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the establishment of an accessible Demonstration and Training
15 Center was made possible by the in-kind support of the Program. It is located at
16 House #19 Dean's Circle at the University of Guam campus, and it serves as a one-
17 stop center for our island's residents in search of assistive technology resources,
18 providing information and referral services, awareness training, short-term device
19 loans, technical assistance, reutilization activities, alternative financing programs, and
20 hands-on demonstrations of different assistive technology devices; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the collaborative interagency efforts are demonstrated by the joint
22 co-sponsorship of this year's anniversary celebration with the Guam Developmental
23 Disabilities Council and the Guam Legal Services Corporation Disability Law Center;
24 and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Guam System for Assistive Technology has promoted the use
26 of assistive technology throughout the community, and it has seen the positive effects

1 that assistive technology has added in increasing the quality of life for individuals
2 with disabilities, now therefore be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Singko Na*
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
5 of Guam, commend and congratulate the Guam System of Assistive Technology
6 (GSAT) on the occasion of its Twenty Fifth Year Anniversary celebration on March 1,
7 2019; and does further recognize GSAT for its leadership in providing invaluable
8 services to individuals with disabilities and their families; and be it further;

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
10 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
11 the same be thereafter transmitted to Guam CEDDERS Director, Dr. Heidi San
12 Nicolas; to Leah Abelon, Assistive Technology Center Coordinator; to Dr. Anita
13 Borja Enriquez, Senior Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs, University of
14 Guam; to Dr. Thomas W. Krise, President, University of Guam; and to the Honorable
15 Lourdes 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 2019.**

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary