

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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52-35 (LS)	Amanda L. Shelton	Relative to recognizing the various groups and individuals who advocate for the improvement, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of endometriosis in women on Guam; and commending them on the observance of March 2019 as “ <i>Endometriosis Awareness Month</i> .”	2/26/19 4:33 p.m.	3/6/19 9:00 a.m.

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN***

2 ***GUÅHAN***:

3 **WHEREAS**, Endometriosis is a disease of the female reproductive system; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Endometriosis occurs when tissue similar to that normally found
5 in the uterus begins to grow outside of the uterus, leading to chronic, debilitating
6 pelvic pain; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Endometriosis is a leading cause of female infertility; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Endometriosis affects 1 in 10 women of female infertility; and

9 **WHEREAS**, there is an average of a 10-year delay from the onset of symptoms
10 to the final diagnosis of Endometriosis; and

11 **WHEREAS**, US Endometriosis patients were hospitalized 105,123 days, in
12 2010, because of their disease, and

13 **WHEREAS**, Women with Endometriosis can lose 11 hours per work week
14 through lost productivity and absenteeism due to pain; and

1 **WHEREAS**, 51 percent of Endometriosis patients report that their disease
2 detrimentally affects their job;

3 **WHEREAS**, the estimated total annual societal burden of Endometriosis-
4 related symptoms in the United States is \$56 billion, or \$10,824 per patient; and

5 **WHEREAS**, there is no cure for Endometriosis; traditionally, providers have
6 focused on managing the associated pain with oral contraceptives, progestins, danazol,
7 nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), opioids, and GnRH agonists, many
8 of which are not specifically indicated for the treatment of Endometriosis; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in more extensive cases, surgical interventions such as
10 laparotomy or laparoscopy are often pursued, and may not be curative for all
11 individuals; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Endometriosis Awareness Month aims to raise awareness about
13 this hidden and often unrecognized condition by promoting a greater understanding of
14 endometriosis as a real, debilitating and disabling disease; and

15 **WHEREAS**, there is a need for further research and increased research funding
16 for endometriosis, which could lead to earlier detection and the discovery of the cause
17 of the disease, a reliable, less invasive way to diagnose the disease, more effective
18 ways to manage symptoms, and a cure; now, therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Singko Na*
20 *LiheSlaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I LiheSlaturan Guåhan* and the people
21 of Guam, recognize the various groups and individuals who advocate for the
22 improvement, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of endometriosis in women on
23 Guam; and commend them on the observance of March 2019 as “*Endometriosis*
24 *Awareness Month.*”; and be it further;

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
26 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of

1 the same be thereafter transmitted to Hannah Iriarte; to Catherine Manlapaz; to the
2 Guam Endo Movement; and to the Honorable Lourdes Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan*
3 *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