

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

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted
60-35 (COR)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes Amanda L. Shelton	Relative to recognizing and congratulating Aja Cruz Ramos on being awarded the 2019 Social Worker of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers – Guam Chapter, and to further extend and <i>Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'</i> for her contributions to our island landscape as an advocate in the work she does for our island's most vulnerable and all the people of Guam.	3/8/19 3:25 p.m.	3/15/19 5:00 p.m.	


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**2019 (FIRST) Regular Session**

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Introduced by:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Amanda L. Shelton

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

**WHEREAS,** Aja Cruz Ramos received her Master's in Social Work in June 2006 at the University of Washington, School of Social Work and her Bachelor's of Arts in May 2001 at Seattle University; and

**WHEREAS,** Aja Cruz Ramos's credentials include Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, Certified Child Mental Health Specialist and Certified Mental Health Professional and she is also a published author in a peer reviewed journal called "Self – determination: A dream of liberation from a native CHamoru daughter, Social Work Perspectives, Spring 2006, Vol 17"; and

**WHEREAS,** Aja is currently employed with Westcare Pacific Islands, SPARK as its program manager. Where the program focuses on promoting and strengthening healthy relationships in our community; and

**WHEREAS,** Aja is responsible for all operations of the grant including training and supervision of program staff with various different roles, she also developed and guided quality improvement process to track the program's

1 strength and needs in order to create strategies to ensure further program success;  
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, Prior to managing the SPARK program, Aja also worked as  
4 the Program Manager for the PREP- PATHWAYS program also with Westcare  
5 Pacific. This program was a federally funded grant which focused on the  
6 reduction of the incidents of teen pregnancy and increase awareness of STI and  
7 HIV in targeted public schools. She was selected to provide a presentation at the  
8 National FYSB Grantee Conference with the focus on culturally competent  
9 innovative strategies in the program implementation with youth; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Aja has worked as the Wraparound Coach for the Sound  
11 Mental Health, Wraparound Program in Bellevue, Washington. She collaborated  
12 and worked with the Wraparound Evaluation Research Team based out of the  
13 University of Washington to collect and analyze data to measure outcomes and  
14 effectiveness of the wraparound model; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Aja has also worked in program development & evaluation,  
16 community coordination, staff development, Wraparound Facilitator and Care  
17 Coordinator for Sound Mental Health in 2006-2015. In 2012, the Social Work  
18 Practice Act was implemented to provide social work licensure for Guam. In  
19 2017, Aja became the NASW representative on the Board of Social Work. She  
20 has since been voted by her peers on the board to be the Chairperson. Thru her  
21 great leadership, the social work applications have started, thus moving the  
22 licensure of Guam social workers to truly become a great reality; now therefore,  
23 be it

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Singko Na*  
25 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the  
26 people of Guam relative to recognize and congratulate Aja Cruz Ramos on being  
27 awarded the 2019 Social Worker of the Year by the National Association Of  
28 Social Workers – Guam Chapter, and to further extend and *Un Dångkolo Na Si*  
29 *Yu'os Ma'åse'* for her contributions to our island landscape as an advocate in the

1 work she does for our island's most vulnerable and all the people of Guam; and  
2 be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on  
4 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that  
5 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Aja Cruz Ramos and to the  
6 Honorable Lourdes Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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8 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO**  
9 **NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_**  
10 **2019.**