

**I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS 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
110-36 (LS)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes Amanda L. Shelton	Relative to recognizing the Guam Pride Committee, Guam Pride, Inc., the Guam Visitors Bureau, Equality Guam, Guam's Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA) and House of Diosa, The Sisters of the Moonlight, Guma' Gela', Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence (GCASAFV) and Trinity Hufana, Miss Queen of the Pacific 2021 for their ongoing work in promoting the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community of Guam; and observing June 2021 as "LGBTQ Pride Month."	5/28/21 11:03 a.m.	6/1/21 10:30 a.m.	5/28/21					

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BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, this year marks the fifty-second (52<sup>nd</sup>) year anniversary of the Stonewall Riots in New York City in June 1969, where patrons of the Stonewall Inn resisted and fought back against police abuse and harassment, and it is widely considered as the start of the modern civil rights movement for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) equality in the United States; and since then, the movement is commemorated each year in June as "LGBTQ Pride Month"; and

WHEREAS, Guam has long been a place where family, friends, and community members who identify as being lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer (LGBTQ) feel welcomed and appreciated; and where efforts to strengthen our families by recognizing and affirming our LGBTQ community members in our families, schools, churches, workplaces, and under the law, continue to progress; and

WHEREAS, gay pride advocates work for equal rights and benefits for LGBTQ people; and in 2015, progress in the island's LGBTQ efforts in the case of *Agustin v. Cabre* brought marriage equality for the first time to a U.S. territory, and the landmark case *Obergefell v. Hodges* brought marriage equality nationwide in a 5-4 decision in the U.S. Supreme Court case; and the enactment of Public Law 33-64, the "Guam Employment Nondiscrimination Act (GENDA) of 2015," introduced by Senator Benjamin J.F. Cruz, and Public Law 33-65, the "Guam Marriage Equality Act of 2015," introduced by Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, strengthened the rights of LGBTQ community members; and

WHEREAS, during this special time with pride parades, picnics, parties, and other group gathering events that attracted a number of individuals, Guam held its first major LGBTQ Pride March on June 10, 2017, which was led by Grand Marshal Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, who decades earlier had led an impromptu LGBTQ Pride March with his partner Johnny, and friends; and he made history as one of the only openly-LGBTQ Speakers of a Legislative body in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Joshua F. Tenorio, *I Siguado Maga'liben Guåhan* (the Lieutenant Governor of Guam) is the first openly gay lieutenant governor in the island's history and was chosen as the 2019 Grand Marshal for the pride march; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence organized a Pride Motorcade that was held on June 30, 2020, which was the last Pride Month event for the year despite the numerous challenges of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, one (1) in three (3) youth report that they have been physically threatened or harmed in their lifetime due to their sexual orientation and/or gender identity; and sixty-one percent (61%) of the transgender and non-binary youth reported being prevented or discouraged from using a bathroom that corresponds with their gender identity, with school being the most frequent place where discrimination is prevalent; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ people are nearly four (4) times more likely than non-LGBTQ people to experience violent victimization, including rape, sexual assault, and aggravated sex or simple assault, according to a new study by the Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law. In addition, LGBTQ people are more likely to experience violence both by someone well-known to the victim and at the hands of a stranger; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ community members and their supporters continue to make history every day in their social, familial, political, athletic, business, and religious affiliations in our community, including through LGBTQ organizations and individuals, such as Guam Pride, Inc., Equality Guam, Guam's Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA), the House of Diosa, the Sisters of the Moonlight, Guma Gela', the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence, and Trinity Hufana, Miss Queen of the Pacific 2021, that support and advocate for the inclusion of the LGBTQ community year-round; and

WHEREAS, Guam has begun to invest in cultivating the LGBTQ tourism market and Guam has become a regional destination for same-sex weddings, with the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) joining the International Gay and Lesbian Travel Association to partner in accessing the LGBTQ tourism market and promoting Guam during the "Year of Love"; and

WHEREAS, the people of Guam are known for their kindness and compassion, and they recognize and support the fight for equality and the progress made in creating an island society and world that is more inclusive and accepting; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I MINA TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the Guam Pride Committee, Guam Pride, Inc., the Guam Visitors Bureau, Equality Guam, Guam's Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA), House of Diosa, the Sisters of the Moonlight, Guma' Gela', the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence, and Trinity Hufana, Miss Queen of the Pacific 2021, for their ongoing work in promoting the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) community of Guam, and on the observance "LGBTQ Pride Month" in June 2021; 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 Guam Pride Committee; to Guam Pride, Inc.; to Equality Guam; to Guam's Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA); to the Guam Visitors Bureau; to the House of Diosa; to the Sisters of the Moonlight; to Guma' Gela'; to the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence; to Trinity Hufana, Miss Queen of the Pacific 2021; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'liben Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2021.

THERESE M. TERLAJE  
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON  
Legislative Secretary



*Allen Cepeda*  
6/1/21 @ 9:00

***I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2021 (FIRST) Regular Session**

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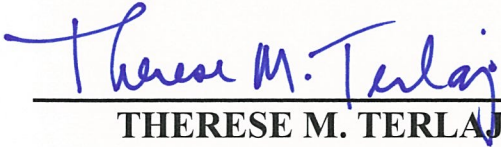
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**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2021.**



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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**  
Speaker



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**Amanda L. Shelton**  
Legislative Secretary



Office of the Vice Speaker

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May 28, 2021

### MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Senators  
36<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

**From:** Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

**Subject:** Virtual Presentation of Resolution No. 110-36 (LS)

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*Buenas yan Håfa Adai!*

Please join me in presenting the following Legislative Resolution:

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The presentation will take place on **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., via Zoom Video Conferencing.**

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*