

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Resolutions Log Sheet

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Referred	Committee / Ofc Referred	Date Adopted
143-32 (LS)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Relative to commending the Lupus Awareness Group of Guam for organizing the "Lupus Learning & Living" Forum and extending a warm and sincere Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase for their continued advocacy and awareness on Lupus in our island community.	05/21/13 12:17 p.m.	05/25/13 9:00 a.m.			05/21/13

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 143-32 (LS)

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Relative to commending the Lupus Awareness Group of Guam for organizing the “Lupus: Learning & Living” forum; and to further extending a warm and sincere *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’* for its continued advocacy and awareness of Lupus in our island community.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, the Lupus Awareness Group of Guam (LAGG) is an
4 independent not-for-profit organization chartered in Guam on April 14, 2012. The
5 LAGG is affiliated, but not incorporated, with the Lupus Foundation of America;
6 and

1 **WHEREAS**, the group strives to continue to uphold its mission statement,
2 which states: “The Lupus Awareness Group of Guam is an organization dedicated
3 to provide support, increase awareness, and advocate for individuals and their
4 families affected by lupus on Guam”; and

5 **WHEREAS**, lupus is a chronic, autoimmune disease that can damage any
6 part of the body, including skin, joints, and/or organs inside the body. It is also a
7 disease of flares and remissions, which can range from mild to life-threatening and
8 should always be treated by a doctor; and

9 **WHEREAS**, lupus is not contagious and it affects any race and ethnic
10 group. It strikes mostly women of child-bearing age. However, the disease can
11 also be developed in men, children, and teenagers; and

12 **WHEREAS**, a new survey conducted by the Lupus Foundation of America
13 found that those at greatest risk for lupus have never heard of the disease, or know
14 little or nothing about lupus beyond the name; and

15 **WHEREAS**, on Guam, this situation is further exacerbated by the lack of
16 rheumatologists who specialize in autoimmune diseases, such as lupus; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Lupus Awareness Group of Guam is organizing a forum
18 entitled: “Lupus: Learning and Living,” to provide information to affected
19 individuals and families. Understanding the disease fuels a great urgency for
20 increased information and awareness of lupus through patient education that will
21 empower patients to make informed decisions and take charge of their condition;
22 and

23 **WHEREAS**, the LAGG is led by the dedicated volunteers on the Board
24 Directors, namely, Joann Santos, Amy Anderson, Alicia Roberto, Norma Pinaula,
25 Lucinda Cruz, Joleen Fejeran, Trina Cruz, Geri Leon Guerrero, Travona Shievyal
26 and Loling Field; and the Board Advisors are Melvin Santos, Claire Cruz and
27 Lorna Anderson; and

1 **WHEREAS**, since its inception last year, the Lupus Awareness Group of
2 Guam has been involved in various community activities and outreach events in
3 continuing to advocate for lupus awareness on Guam. Among these events include
4 the Sunset Wave, the Meet & Greet with specialists and individuals with lupus,
5 participating in informative presentations, and fundraising events; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on October 2012, LAGG collaborated with the office of
7 Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. to bring a Rheumatologist to Guam to speak with
8 the community about autoimmune diseases, especially lupus. On May 25, 2013,
9 the group is hosting another forum entitled: “Lupus: Learning & Living” for
10 families and individuals with lupus; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the hard work and dedication of the Lupus Awareness Group
12 of Guam has become a resource for individuals and families affected with lupus.
13 LAGG continues to provide information and awareness to families in our island
14 community to become more aware of the autoimmune disease, and be able to help
15 them cope and live with lupus; now therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
17 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the Lupus Awareness Group of
18 Guam for organizing the “Lupus: Learning & Living” Forum; and does further
19 extend a warm *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for its continued advocacy and
20 awareness of lupus in our island community; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest
22 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the
23 Lupus Awareness Group of Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*
24 *Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 21ST DAY OF MAY, 2013.



BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary