

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
343-32 (COR)	Tina Rose Muña-Barnes	Relative to commending and congratulating the leadership and community that drives Guam's System for Assistive Technology (GSAT) on the occasion of their 20th Anniversary celebration on Friday, March 28, 2014.	3/21/14 11:38 a.m.	03/28/14			03/25/14

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 343-32 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating the Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT) on the occasion of its Twentieth Year Anniversary celebration on Friday, March 28, 2014; and to further recognizing GSAT for its leadership in providing invaluable services to individuals with disabilities and their families.

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

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

1 **WHEREAS**, the movement to provide technology-related assistance to
2 individuals with disabilities began with the Disabilities Act of 1998, as amended in
3 1994, 1998 and 2004 (P.L. 100-407 and 103-218); and referred to as the “AT Act of
4 1998” (P.L. 105-394), which was passed on November 13, 1998; and the “AT Act
5 of 2004” (P.L. 108-364), which was passed on October 24, 2004, and which
6 provided the much needed funding for the grant; and

7 **WHEREAS**, since 2004, GSAT has annually served an average of three
8 hundred eighty-five individuals through training, and ninety individuals through
9 device demonstrations; it reaches an estimated eleven thousand eight hundred
10 individuals through public awareness activities, it provides about eighty hours of
11 technical assistance to public and private agencies, and eighty short term device
12 loans, which saves consumers an average of Four Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-
13 one Dollars through its reutilization efforts; and it provides around Thirty Thousand
14 Dollars in loan funds to finance assistive technology devices, and Twenty-five
15 Thousand Dollars to help individuals with disabilities become self-employed; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 **WHEREAS**, the Guam System for Assistive Technology Advisory Council
16 is comprised of twenty-one proactive members, to include, individuals with
17 disabilities, parents, and family members who are selected from among their peers,
18 advocacy organizations, non-profit service providers, and government of Guam
19 agency representatives; and

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

27 **WHEREAS**, the collaborative interagency efforts are demonstrated by the
28 joint co-sponsorship of this year's anniversary celebration with the Guam

1 Developmental Disabilities Council and the Guam Legal Services Corporation
2 Disability Law Center; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Guam System for Assistive Technology has promoted the
4 use of assistive technology throughout the community, and it has seen the positive
5 effects that assistive technology has added in increasing the quality of life for
6 individuals with disabilities; now therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na*
8 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the
9 people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Guam System of Assistive
10 Technology (GSAT) on the occasion of its Twentieth Year Anniversary celebration
11 on Friday, March 28, 2014; and does further recognize GSAT for its leadership in
12 providing invaluable services to individuals with disabilities and their families; and
13 be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
15 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that
16 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. Heidi San Nicolas, Director,
17 Guam CEDDERS; to Carla C. Torres, Assistive Technology and Special Projects
18 Program Coordinator; to Dr. Helen Whippy, Vice President, Academic and Student
19 Affairs, University of Guam; to Dr. Robert Underwood, President, University of
20 Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

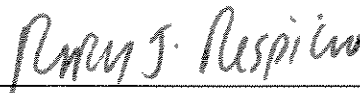
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN
GUÅHAN ON THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH 2014.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



RORY J. RESPICIO
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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson	<i>RJ</i>	3/25/14	✓		
SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA Vice-Chairperson	<i>TA</i>	3/25/14	✓		
SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Member	<i>JTP</i>	3/25/14	✓		
VICE-SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ Member	<i>BJC</i>	3/25/14	✓		
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Member	<i>TR</i>	3/25/14	✓		
SENATOR VICENTE (Ben) C. PANGELINAN Member					
SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. Member	<i>DR</i>	3/25/14	✓		
SENATOR FRANK BLAS AGUON, JR. Member	<i>FBA</i>	3/25/14	✓		
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SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA Minority Member					
SENATOR ALINE YAMASHITA Minority Member	<i>AY</i>	3/25/14	✓		

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Sponsor Signature: _____ *for Senator Tina Muña Barnes*

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