

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Resolutions Log Sheet

| <b>Resolution No.</b> | <b>Sponsor</b>            | <b>Title</b>  | <b>Date Intro</b>     | <b>Date of Presentation</b> | <b>Date Referred</b> | <b>Committee / Ofc Referred</b> | <b>Date Adopted</b> |
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| <b>344-32 (COR)</b>   | Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D. | Relative to recognizing, celebrating and acknowledging those individuals who are affected by autism, and commending and acknowledging their families for their unconditional love and dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, and family members; and to further commending the Autism Community Together (ACT) for its efforts to promote autism awareness and support to families during the observance of the month of April 2014 as "Autism Awareness Month." | 3/24/14<br>12:28 p.m. | 04/05/14                    |                      |                                 |                     |

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

**Resolution No. 344-32 (COR)**

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1            **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**  
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

1           **WHEREAS**, autism is a complex developmental disability that typically  
2 appears during the first three years of a child's life and affects their ability to  
3 communicate and interact with others; and there is no known single cause for autism,  
4 but increased awareness and funding can help families today; and

5           **WHEREAS**, autism is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a "spectrum  
6 disorder" that affects individuals differently, to varying degrees; and autism is four  
7 times more prevalent in boys than in girls and knows no racial, ethnic, or social  
8 boundaries. In 2009, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued its autism  
9 prevalence report and concluded that the prevalence of autism had risen to one in  
10 every eighty-eight births in the United States, and that it is five times more common  
11 among boys, at almost one in fifty-four boys, compared to one in two hundred fifty-  
12 two girls; and

13           **WHEREAS**, thirteen million American families are now living with the effects  
14 of autism spectrum disorder, and the Autism Society currently estimates that the  
15 lifetime cost of caring for a child with autism is in the range of \$3.2 million; and

16           **WHEREAS**, the United States faces almost one hundred twenty-six billion  
17 dollars annually in costs for autism; and together with appropriate education and  
18 intervention, are vital to the future growth and development of individuals with  
19 autism; and

20           **WHEREAS**, through the increased awareness, and the services available to  
21 individuals with autism, the lives of our friends and family members with autism can  
22 be made easier, while those without autism can expand their understanding of the  
23 needs and challenges that individuals with autism experience; and

24           **WHEREAS**, parents and family members, support groups, researchers, and  
25 professionals have dedicated years of service in their ongoing efforts to advocate for  
26 the rights, respect, dignity, humane treatment, and appropriate education of all persons

1 with autism; and in order to highlight the growing need for concern and awareness  
2 about autism, the Autism Society has celebrated "*National Autism Awareness Month*"  
3 since the 1970s in the United States, recognizing the month of April as a time of  
4 special opportunity to educate the public about autism, and the issues within the  
5 autism community; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Governor signed a proclamation declaring April 2014 as  
7 "*Autism Awareness Month*," a time when every resident of Guam is invited to  
8 participate in activities that educate and promote awareness of autism spectrum  
9 disorders that affect members of our community and their families; and


10 **WHEREAS**, Autism Community Together (ACT), which was formed in  
11 January 2004, has continued to spearhead an awareness effort in order to educate  
12 parents, professionals, and the general public about autism and its effects; and various  
13 activities are being coordinated throughout the month of April 2014 to further these  
14 goals, including, a fair at the *Agaña* Shopping Center, located in the capital city of  
15 *Hagåtña*, where approximately forty vendors will participate in featuring  
16 informational displays to disseminate and spread awareness relative to education,  
17 employment, career, and many related service agencies; garner support for our  
18 families who will be participating in the Special Olympics this year; and feature a day  
19 of bowling for the families affected by autism; now therefore, be it


20 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na*  
21 *Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people  
22 of Guam, recognize, celebrate and acknowledge those individuals who are affected by  
23 autism, and commend and acknowledge their families for their unconditional love and  
24 dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, and family members;  
25 and does further commend the Autism Community Together (ACT) for its efforts to


1 promote autism awareness and support to families during the observance of the month  
2 of April 2014 as “Autism Awareness Month”; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
4 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
5 the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Evelyn Claros, President, Autism  
6 Community Together; to Ms. Mary Cruz, Vice-President, Autism Community  
7 Together; to Ms. Dorianne Walker, Co-Chair for the Autism Fair, Autism Community  
8 Together; to Ms. Louisa Wessling, Treasurer, Autism Community Together; to Ms.  
9 Rindraty Celes Lintiaco and Mr. Travis Coffman, Co-founders of Autism Community  
10 Together; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
APRIL 2014.**

  
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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
Speaker

  
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**RORY J. RESPICIO**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
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**RORY J. RESPICIO**  
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Resolution No. 344-32 (COR) Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D.- "Relative to recognizing, celebrating and acknowledging those individuals who are affected by autism, and commending and acknowledging their families for their unconditional love and dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, and family members; and to further commending the Autism Community Together (ACT) for its efforts to promote autism awareness and support to families during the observance of the month of April 2014 as "Autism Awareness Month."

|  | SIGNATURE  | DATE             | TO ADOPT | TO NOT ADOPT | TO ABSTAIN |
|--|------------|------------------|----------|--------------|------------|
| <b>SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO</b><br>Chairperson                   |            |                  |          |              |            |
| <b>SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA</b><br>Vice-Chairperson                 |            | 4/4/14<br>E VOTE | ✓        |              |            |
| <b>SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.</b><br>Member                |            | 4/4/14<br>E VOTE | ✓        |              |            |
| <b>VICE-SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ</b><br>Member                 |            | 4/4/14<br>E VOTE | ✓        |              |            |
| <b>LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY<br/>TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES</b><br>Member |            | 4/4/14<br>E VOTE | ✓        |              |            |
| <b>SENATOR VICENTE (Ben) C. PANGELINAN</b><br>Member             |            |                  |          |              |            |
| <b>SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ,<br/>JR.</b><br>Member            |            |                  |          |              |            |
| <b>SENATOR FRANK BLAS AGUON, JR.</b><br>Member                   |            | 4/4/14<br>E VOTE | ✓        |              |            |
| <b>SENATOR MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS</b><br>Member                |            |                  |          |              |            |
| <b>SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA</b><br>Minority Member                 |            | 4/4/14<br>E VOTE | ✓        |              |            |
| <b>SENATOR ALINE YAMASHITA</b><br>Minority Member                | <i>Aly</i> | 4/4/14           | ✓        |              |            |

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