

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
345-32 (COR)	Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D., Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D	Relative to supporting and recognizing the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence and numerous community advocates, organizations, and government agencies in their efforts to raise awareness during "Sexual Assault Awareness Month"; "Child Abuse Prevention Month"; and "Crime Victims' Rights Week".	3/28/2014 1:30 p.m.	04/01/14			04/01/14

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

Resolution No. 345- 32 (COR)

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Relative to supporting and recognizing the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence, and the numerous community advocates, organizations, and government agencies, in its efforts to raise awareness during “Sexual Assault Awareness Month”; “Child Abuse Prevention Month”; and “Crime Victims’ Rights Week.”

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Guam joins the nation in recognizing the month of April 2014 as
4 “Sexual Assault Awareness Month”; and

5 **WHEREAS**, “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” is aimed at bringing attention to the
6 fact that rape and sexual assault remain serious issues in our community; and

7 **WHEREAS**, sexual assault can be defined as any type of sexual contact or behavior
8 that occurs without the explicit consent of the recipient of the unwanted sexual activity; and

1 **WHEREAS**, seventy-eight percent of the victims of rape and sexual assault were
2 women, and twenty-two percent were men; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in eight out of ten rape cases, the victim knew the perpetrator; and

4 **WHEREAS**, victims and survivors of sexual assault deserve to be treated with
5 dignity, compassion, and respect; and

6 **WHEREAS**, it is essential that services and support programs are provided to sexual
7 assault victims and survivors to help them cope with the consequences of sexual assault
8 through counseling, medical services, food, and transportation; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence in
10 collaboration with the Healing Hearts Crisis Center have forged partnerships with
11 government agencies and private organizations to enhance the quality of care for victims and
12 survivors of sexual violence; and

13 **WHEREAS**, April is also “Child Abuse Prevention Month,” which is aimed at
14 bringing to light the abuse and neglect suffered by children, and the need to provide
15 programs to prevent child abuse and to assist parents and families affected by child
16 mistreatment; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in 2013, Guam’s Child Protective Services (CPS) reported 4,109 cases
18 of maltreatment, including physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, and various forms
19 of neglect; and made referrals involving teen pregnancy, and children who are at-risk due to
20 drug use by caretakers, exposure to family violence, alcohol abuse, and teen suicide; and

21 **WHEREAS**, referrals to Child Protective Services have grown by more than sixty-
22 one percent during the past five years, according to the Guam Department of Public Health
23 and Social Services; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the growth in the number of cases is a reflection of an island that is
25 becoming more aware about abuse and neglect; and

26 **WHEREAS**, child abuse prevention programs succeed at the community level
27 because of partnerships forged among families, social service agencies, schools, religious
28 and civic organizations, and law enforcement agencies; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Guam also joins the nation in recognizing the week of April 6 through
2 April 12, 2014, as “Crime Victims’ Rights Week”; and

3 **WHEREAS**, “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week” was declared over thirty years
4 ago by President Ronald Reagan to increase public awareness about the rights, needs, and
5 concerns of victims and survivors of crime; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Guam passed the Crime Victims’ Rights Act of 2004, “in recognition of
7 the civic and moral duty of victims and witnesses of crimes to cooperate fully and
8 voluntarily with law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies,” and with the intent of
9 ensuring that, “all victims and witnesses of crime are treated with dignity, respect, courtesy
10 and sensitivity, and that the rights extended ... to victims and witnesses of crime be honored
11 and protected by law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and judges in a manner no less
12 vigorous than the protections afforded criminal defendants”; and

13 **WHEREAS**, despite impressive accomplishments over the past three decades in
14 crime victims’ rights and services, there remain many challenges to ensuring that all crime
15 victims and survivors are treated with dignity and respect, and are given the resources to
16 recover and be free from violence; now therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’ Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan*
18 *Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, support
19 and recognize the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence, and the
20 numerous community advocates, organizations, and government agencies, in its efforts to
21 raise awareness during “Sexual Assault Awareness Month,” “Child Abuse Prevention
22 Month,” and “Crime Victims’ Rights Week”; so that through community outreach and
23 ongoing training activities, these advocates, organizations, and agencies will encourage the
24 prevention of sexual assault and child abuse, and the promotion and protection of victims’
25 rights; and be it further

26 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
27 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the
28 same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Robert J. Torres, Chief Justice, Supreme

1 Court of Guam; to the Honorable Alberto C. Lamorena III, Presiding Judge, Superior Court
2 of Guam; to the Honorable Leonardo M. Rapadas, Attorney General of Guam; to Chief of
3 Police Fred E. Bordallo, Guam Police Department; to Attorney Eric D. Miller, Executive
4 Director, Public Defender Service Corporation; to Superintendent Jon Fernandez, Guam
5 Department of Education; to Dr. Robert Underwood, President of the University of Guam; to
6 Ray Vega, Director of the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center; to James Gillan,
7 Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services; to Adonis Mendiola,
8 Director of the Department of Youth Affairs; to the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault
9 and Family Violence; to the Honorable Alicia Limtiaco, Office of the United States
10 Attorney; to Cecilia Morrison, Administrator of the Governor's Community Outreach-
11 Federal Programs Office; to Executive Director Angel Sablan of the Mayors' Council of
12 Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

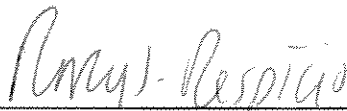
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I
MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL
2014.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson					
SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA Vice-Chairperson	E-MAILED	3/31/14	✓		
SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Member	E-MAILED	3/31/14	✓		
VICE-SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ Member	E-MAILED	3/31/14	✓		
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Member	E-MAILED	3/31/14	✓		
SENATOR VICENTE (Ben) C. PANGELINAN Member					
SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. Member	E-MAILED	3/31/14	✓		
SENATOR FRANK BLAS AGUON, JR. Member	E-MAILED	3/31/14	✓		
SENATOR MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS Member	E-MAILED	3/31/14	✓		
SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA Minority Member					
SENATOR ALINE YAMASHITA Minority Member					

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7 Certified Returned

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Date: 4/01/14

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