

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
382-32 (LS)	Tommy Morrison	RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY 2014 AS "LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH" AND FURTHER COMMENDING THE LUPUS AWARENESS GROUP OF GUAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS FOR BRINGING GREATER AWARENESS TO THIS INCURABLE DISEASE.	5/9/14 2:24 p.m.	05/16/14			05/09/14

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Resolution No. 382-32 (LS)

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Relative to recognizing the observance of “Lupus Awareness Month” during the month of May 2014; and to further commending the Lupus Awareness Group of Guam for its outstanding efforts in bringing greater awareness of this incurable disease.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, each year, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* designates the month of May as
4 “Lupus Awareness Month” for our Island to recognize the estimated 1.5 to 2 million
5 fellow Americans and Guamanians who have lupus; and

6 **WHEREAS**, lupus is an autoimmune disease in which the immune system is
7 imbalanced causing inflammation and tissue damage to nearly every organ system in

1 the body, for which there is no known cure or cause, and despite the current
2 treatments and medications available, many lupus patients have symptoms that
3 prevent them from leading normal lives; and

4 **WHEREAS**, this debilitating medical disorder is highly prevalent in African-
5 American, Hispanic, Asian-American, Native-American and Pacific Islander women;
6 and it can be difficult to diagnose because its symptoms are similar to those of many
7 other diseases, creating challenges in understanding the causes and effects of lupus;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, on Guam, the diagnosing and treating of lupus is further
10 exacerbated by the lack of a Rheumatologist, a specialist in autoimmune diseases such
11 as lupus; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Lupus Awareness Group of Guam (LAGG) was established in
13 April 2012 in order to provide support, to increase awareness, and to advocate for
14 individuals and their families affected by lupus on Guam; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Lupus Awareness Group of Guam is led by a dedicated
16 volunteer Board of Directors, along with professional advisors, including local
17 healthcare providers. The primary objective of this Board is to provide advocacy and
18 identify the needs of persons with lupus to develop plans and implement strategies to
19 meet those needs; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Lupus Awareness Group of Guam has a current membership
21 of seventy-five (75) women, men, and children of all ages and ethnicities living on
22 Guam; and it consists of patients afflicted by lupus, their caregivers, families, friends,
23 colleagues, healthcare providers, and supporters; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in the short time since its establishment, the Lupus Awareness
25 Group of Guam has undertaken many activities and advocacy campaigns, to include:
26 sunset waves, the “Put on Purple Day,” patient education activities, and the “Lupus,

1 Living and Learning” symposium. The organization’s future projects include working
2 in cooperation with the Department of Public Health and Social Services and private
3 health clinics to organize clinic visits for lupus patients with a visiting Rheumatologist
4 on at least a quarterly basis. The LAGG also is working in cooperation with healthcare
5 providers and the Department of Public Health and Social Services in developing a
6 statistical registry of persons with lupus on Guam; now therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
8 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the observance of “Lupus Awareness
9 Month” during the month of May 2014, with the hope that more attention and
10 awareness may be given to this incurable medical disorder; and does further commend
11 and congratulate the Lupus Awareness Group of Guam for its outstanding
12 contributions to our community in creating awareness and advocacy for persons living
13 with lupus, their families, and caregivers; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
15 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Amylynn
16 Anderson, LAGG Executive Director; to Joann L.G. Santos, LAGG Chairwoman; and
17 to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 1ST DAY OF MAY 2014.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary