

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Lihelaturan Guåhan

Resolutions Log Sheet

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Referred	Committee / Ofc Referred	Date Adopted
479-32 (COR)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr	Relative to recognizing the Guam Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition on the observance of this year's theme for Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Week: "Promoting Parent Power: Be Your Child's Super Hero" and to further extend a warm and sincere Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to the coalition for strengthening families in Guam and reminding the people of Guam of the values, security and love that we give and receive from our families.	10/13/2014 4:23 p.m.	10/25/14			10/24/14

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

**Resolution No. 479-32 (COR)**

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**Relative to recognizing the Guam Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition on the observance of this year's 2014 "Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Week" with the theme: "Promoting Parent Power: Be Your Child's Super Hero"; and to further extending a warm and sincere *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the Coalition for strengthening families on Guam and reminding the people of Guam of the values, security and love that we give and receive from our families.**

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

1           **WHEREAS**, the mission of the Guam Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies  
2 Coalition is: “Improving the health and safety of mothers, babies and families through  
3 education and collaborative partnerships of public and private organizations”; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition has  
5 partnered with numerous government agencies and nonprofit organizations, such as  
6 Project *Bisita I Familia*, Project *Kariñu*, the Guam Immunization Program, the Guam  
7 Breast and Cervical Program, the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority, military  
8 partners, the *Rigalu* Foundation, the University of Guam CEDDERS Program, the  
9 Emergency Medical Services for Children, and the Guam Women Infants and  
10 Children (WIC) Program, to promote its mission, and to educate the people of Guam;  
11 and

12           **WHEREAS**, provisional data for 2013 indicates a birth rate of 19.40 per 1,000  
13 female teens who are 15 through 17 years of age, which indicates a decrease of  
14 15.65% from 2012’s birth rate of 23.0 per 1,000 female teens; and

15           **WHEREAS**, Guam’s 2013 preliminary infant mortality rate of 8.5 per 1,000  
16 births is higher than the United States infant mortality rate of 6.07 per 1,000 births. On  
17 Guam, the 2013 percentage of Low Birth Weight (LBW) was 6.13% per 1,000 live  
18 births. The 2013 percentage of LBW was significantly higher (17.88%) than the 2012  
19 percentage of LBW, which was 5.24 per 1,000 live births. Very low birth weight  
20 infants are at increased risk of morbidity and mortality compared with infants of  
21 normal weight; and are at highest risk for developmental delays, as well as poor  
22 school achievement later in life; and

23           **WHEREAS**, infant mortality is an important indicator of the health of a  
24 community or state that is associated with a variety of factors, such as income,  
25 housing, education, employment, social support, cultural barriers, and access and  
26 quality of prenatal care. Aware of how important it is to understand infant mortality

1 on Guam, the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) worked with  
2 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* (the Guam Legislature) to establish the Guam Council on  
3 Child Death Review and Prevention (CCDRP) in May 2013 via Public Law 32-30.  
4 The DPHSS Maternal and Child Health Program Coordinator was appointed as the  
5 CCDRP Coordinator in November 2013. The CCDRP is a community action process  
6 that continually assesses and improves service systems and resources for women,  
7 infants and families through confidential and anonymous review of individual  
8 child/infant deaths. The CCDRP identifies critical community strengths and  
9 weaknesses, as well as unique and social issues that are associated with poor  
10 outcomes; and

11 **WHEREAS**, families offer a stable and nurturing environment for children by  
12 providing support and comfort. A child’s parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts and  
13 uncles, and other family members, show them love and teach them right from wrong;  
14 and this provides them with the healthy roots for life; and

15 **WHEREAS**, families strengthen our communities by teaching important values  
16 such as compassion and honesty to their children. Families also offer a supportive  
17 environment and help ensure that children grow into responsible members of society  
18 by providing guidance and unconditional love; and loving parents can help to shape  
19 the character of their children; and

20 **WHEREAS**, parents create a strong foundation for family life when they  
21 consciously conceive, foster or adopt a child, and they are committed to understanding  
22 and meeting the child’s needs; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in July 2014, Project *Bisita I Familia* hosted its first Parent Café,  
24 and there were eighteen (18) families of Project *Bisita I Familia* who attended the  
25 event. Parent Café is a vehicle for parents to have their own conversations about  
26 keeping their families with a strong base, because keeping families strong is the same

1 as preventing child abuse and neglect, as all parents are responsible for keeping their  
2 children safe; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on August 8, 2014, Project *Bisita I Familia* hosted a family event  
4 at Underwater World. This event was not only entertaining, but also educational for  
5 the whole family. There were over one hundred (100) children with their families that  
6 attended the event, and one of the Project *Bisita I Familia* staff took a family picture  
7 of all the family members that attended. Some families noted this is their first family  
8 picture because they could not afford to have one taken; and

9 **WHEREAS**, as we observe “**Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Week**,” we  
10 must work to strengthen families on Guam as individuals through government and  
11 community-based organizations. This year’s theme of “**Promoting Parent Power: Be**  
12 **Your Child’s Super Hero**” serves to remind us of the values, security and love that  
13 we give and receive from our families; and

14 **WHEREAS**, individuals and organizations who have played an active role in  
15 “**Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Week**” are: Dr. Suzanne S. Kaneshiro, Chief  
16 Public Health Officer; Margarita Gay, Administrator, Bureau of Family Health &  
17 Nursing Services; Evangeline Manibusan, RN, FP, Committee Chairperson; Diana  
18 Santos, BSW, Committee Co-Chairperson; Margaret Bell, PC IV, Committee Co-  
19 Chairperson, Guam Council on Child Death Review and Prevention (CCDRP);  
20 Project *Bisita I Familia*; Project *Kariñu*; the Guam Family Planning Program; the  
21 Guam Immunization Program; the Guam Breast and Cervical Cancer Program; the  
22 Guam Memorial Hospital Authority; the University of Guam CEDDERS Program; the  
23 Emergency Medical Services for Children; and the Guam Women, Infants and  
24 Children (WIC) Program; now therefore, be it

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na*  
26 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people

1 of Guam, recognize the Guam Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition on the  
2 observance of the 2014 “**Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Week**” with the theme:  
3 “**Promoting Parent Power: Be Your Child’s Super Hero**”; and does further extend  
4 a warm and sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ãse'* to the Coalition for  
5 strengthening families on Guam and reminding the people of Guam of the values,  
6 security and love that we give and receive from our families; and be it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
8 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
9 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies  
10 Coalition; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
OCTOBER 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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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary



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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
<b>SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO</b> Chairperson					
<b>SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA</b> Vice-Chairperson					
<b>SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.</b> Member	E-VOTE	10/24	✓		
<b>VICE-SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ</b> Member	E-VOTE	10/24	✓		
<b>LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES</b> Member					
<b>SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.</b> Member	✓	10/24	✓		
<b>SENATOR FRANK BLAS AGUON, JR.</b> Member	E-VOTE	10/24	✓		
<b>SENATOR MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS</b> Member					
<b>SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA</b> Minority Member	E-VOTE	10/24	✓		
<b>SENATOR ALINE YAMASHITA</b> Minority Member	E-VOTE	10/24	✓		

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