

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
510-32 (COR)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Relative to recognizing the observance of World AIDS Day on December 1, 2014 and to further extend a warm and sincere Un Dãngkolo Na Si Yu'osMa'ãse' to the Guam HIV Planning Group (HPG), Guam's Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA) and WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI) for strengthening Guam's community's response to HIV and continuing to mobilize our island's efforts in the fight against HIV.	11/25/14 2:24 p.m.	12/1/2014 5 p.m.,.			12/01/14

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

Resolution No. 510-32 (COR)

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

3 **WHEREAS**, since 1995, the President of the United States has made an official
4 proclamation of World AIDS Day, which is observed on December 1st every year,

1 and brings people together from around the world to raise awareness about
2 HIV/AIDS; and

3 **WHEREAS**, World AIDS Day is an opportunity for public and private partners
4 to spread awareness about the status of the pandemic, and to encourage progress in
5 HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care on Guam and around the world; and

6 **WHEREAS**, initiated by the United Nations and first held in 1988, World
7 AIDS Day was the first ever declared global health day; and commemorating the day
8 presents an opportunity to demonstrate international solidarity in the face of the
9 pandemic; and

10 **WHEREAS**, HIV/AIDS continues to be a major global public health issue, as
11 the disease has claimed more than 25 million lives over the past three (3) decades,
12 making it one of the most destructive epidemics in recorded history; and

13 **WHEREAS**, there are almost 1.2 million Americans living with HIV infection,
14 and an estimated fifty thousand (50,000) new HIV infections are occurring each year.
15 On Guam, there have been two hundred fifty-two (252) cases of HIV infections
16 reported since 1985, and there are approximately sixty-five (65) people currently
17 living with HIV; and the island continues to be considered a low HIV prevalence area
18 in comparison to the fifty (50) U.S. states; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the mission of the Guam HIV Planning Group (HIV CPG) is “to
20 identify new HIV infections and reduce HIV-related disparities through the
21 collaboration and coordination of prevention, care and treatment services in our
22 island”; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the HIV CPG plays a critical role in the seamless coordination of
2 the partnership efforts of public and private organizations through its planning
3 processes; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the HIV CPG has partnered with numerous government agencies
5 and nonprofit organizations, such as WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI); Guam’s
6 Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA); Family Planning; Maternal Child Health
7 Programs; the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center; the Just Say No Crew;
8 the University of Guam; the Immunization Program; the Tuberculosis Program; the
9 Guam Department of Education; Sanctuary, Inc.; Oasis; the Guam Coalition Against
10 Sexual Assault and Family Violence; and the Salvation Army, to promote its mission,
11 to educate the people of Guam, and to be aligned with the National HIV/AIDS
12 Strategy; and

13 **WHEREAS**, WestCare Pacific Islands and Guam’s Alternative Lifestyle
14 Association are the only two (2) community-based organizations on Guam that have
15 Certified STD/HIV Prevention Counselors; and have implemented HIV Rapid Testing
16 and STD testing on the island of Guam; and

17 **WHEREAS**, HIV care and continuum of services are available and accessed by
18 People Living with HIV (PLWH); and a push towards greater access to treatment for
19 all, and an effective treatment with antiretroviral drugs can control the virus so that
20 people with HIV can enjoy healthy and productive lives; and

21 **WHEREAS**, there is substantial biological evidence demonstrating that the
22 presence of other sexually transmitted diseases (STD), like chlamydia, gonorrhea or
23 syphilis, increases the likelihood of both transmitting and acquiring HIV. The 2012

1 chlamydia rate in Guam was 646 per 100,000 population, which surpassed the U.S.
2 national average rate of 456.7 per 100,000 population, and which ranked Guam as
3 number 5 in the United States and its territories. This is an important indicator that
4 unprotected sex is a risk factor for HIV transmission, and working collectively to
5 ensure cross collaboration among community stakeholders is an important strategy to
6 curb new HIV infections; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Guam is considered a low HIV prevalence area, and efforts are
8 ongoing to prevent an HIV epidemic. The HPG's role is to ensure that the island's
9 resources are directed to strengthening the island's STD and HIV prevention and care
10 efforts. Also, HPG is working towards addressing key populations such as MSM,
11 injection drug users, pregnant women at risk for STDs and HIV, and especially among
12 young people where STDs, most notably chlamydia, continue to impact the age group,
13 15 to 25 years of age; and even more critical is to develop sexual reproductive health
14 and responsibility programs and behavioral wellness programs among young people;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, public and private partnerships continue to strengthen the island's
17 efforts to respond to HIV by ensuring that the Guam HIV Planning Group (HPG),
18 WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI), Guam's Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA),
19 the Family Planning Program, and the Guam Department of Education continue to
20 advocate for programs that promote sexual reproductive health, as well as behavioral
21 health and wellness programs; and that these programs are developed appropriately
22 and implemented towards an AIDS- free generation; and

1 **WHEREAS**, as we observe World AIDS Day on December 1, 2014, we must
2 improve and strengthen our community’s response to HIV through the collaboration
3 of public and private partnerships. This year’s 2014 World AIDS Day theme of
4 “Focus, Partner, Achieve: An AIDS-free Generation” serves to remind us that our
5 work is far from over; and

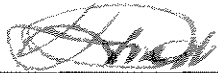
6 **WHEREAS**, individuals who have played an active role in the observance of
7 World AIDS Day 2014 are: Evan San Nicolas (GALA); Vince J. Aguon, HIV
8 Planning Group Health Department Chair; Tim de La Cruz, HIV Planning Group
9 Community Chair and Executive Director of Guam’s Alternative Lifestyle
10 Association (GALA); and Sarah Thomas-Nededog, Executive Director (WestCare
11 Pacific Islands); and the numerous community stakeholders are: the Guam Behavioral
12 Health and Wellness Center; the University of Guam; the Guam Department of
13 Education; the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services; and other
14 partners providing HIV care and prevention services, such as the Guam Memorial
15 Hospital Authority, the Department of Corrections, and local private and military
16 medical clinics and labs; now therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’Trentai Dos Na*
18 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
19 of Guam, recognize the observance of World AIDS Day on December 1, 2014, with
20 the theme: “Focus, Partner, Achieve: An AIDS-free Generation”; and does further
21 extend a warm and sincere *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’* to the Guam HIV
22 Planning Group (HPG), Guam’s Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA), and
23 WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI) for strengthening the Guam community’s response

1 to HIV, and for continuing to mobilize our island's efforts in the fight against HIV;
2 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 the World AIDS Day Planning Committee: Evan
6 San Nicolas (Guam's Alternative Lifestyle Association); Vince J. Aguon (Guam HIV
7 Planning Group - Health Department Chair); Tim de La Cruz (Guam HIV Community
8 Chair and Executive Director of Guam's Alternative Lifestyle Association); and Sarah
9 Thomas-Nededog, Executive Director (WestCare Pacific Islands); and to the
10 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 1ST DAY OF
DECEMBER 2014.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary



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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson					
SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA Vice-Chairperson	<i>evote</i>	<i>11/26/14</i>	✓		
SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Member	<i>evote</i>	<i>11/26/14</i>	✓		
VICE-SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ Member	<i>evote</i>	<i>11/26/14</i>	✓		
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Member	<i>evote</i>	<i>11/26/14</i>	✓		
SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. Member	<i>ev</i>	<i>12/1/14</i>	✓		
SENATOR FRANK BLAS AGUON, JR. Member					
SENATOR MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS Member	<i>evote</i>	<i>11/26/14</i>	✓		
SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA Minority Member	<i>evote</i>	<i>11/26/14</i>	✓		
SENATOR ALINE YAMASHITA Minority Member	<i>evote</i>	<i>11/26/14</i>	✓		

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 Date: *12/1/14*

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