

*I Mina Trentai Tres 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>PUBLIC HEARING DATE</b>	<b>DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED</b>	<b>Date Adopted</b>
<b>195-33 (COR)</b>	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. B. J.F. Cruz	Relative to recognizing and commending the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) Prevention and Training Branch (PEACE Office), the University of Guam I Pinangon Campus Suicide Prevention Program, and Rainbows for All Children on the commemoration of "National Suicide Prevention Month"; and to further extending Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to these organizations for their dedication, commitment and service to the people of Guam.	09/23/15 10:31 a.m.	09/26/15 7:00 a.m.					09/24/15

***I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2015 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 195-33 (COR)**

Introduced by:

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

3           **WHEREAS**, in 2014, Guam lost twenty-nine (29) lives by suicide. That is  
4           about one death every two weeks, a rate that has remained the same for the past  
5           decade; and

1           **WHEREAS**, in our diverse population, suicide risks are highest among teens  
2 and young adults; three (3) in every five (5) suicide deaths are of those aged thirty  
3 (30) years and younger; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the risk of suicide exists in multiple layers, with the impact of  
5 each suicide death on family members, friends and other individuals. Every day, we  
6 encounter individuals who are fighting for strength and courage to cope and continue  
7 to live despite their pain and loss; and

8           **WHEREAS**, with help, there is hope. Guam has seen a growing number of  
9 trained *community gatekeepers* – those who have been trained in evidence-based  
10 trainings on suicide prevention, intervention and postvention. These *gatekeepers* are  
11 regular individuals with an extraordinary willingness to help others whose lives are at  
12 risk. They are counselors, teachers, nurses and doctors who are willing to go beyond  
13 the surface in caring for their students and patients. They are also parents, siblings,  
14 best friends, classmates and coworkers who are concerned about their loved ones.  
15 Suicide is a tough subject to talk about, but they took on the challenge of surpassing  
16 the shame and taboo associated with it; and

17           **WHEREAS**, suicide is becoming everyone’s business. As of early 2015, there  
18 are over three thousand (3,000) individuals who are trained in suicide prevention and  
19 first aid skills. Trainings such as safeTALK, ASIST and Connect continue to be  
20 offered to the island community through the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness  
21 Center and its partner agencies, including: the UOG *I Pinangon* Campus Suicide  
22 Prevention Center, the *Inafa’maolek* Mediation Center, the Guam Department of  
23 Education (GDOE), the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS),  
24 the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA), and the Guam Army National  
25 Guard; and

1           **WHEREAS**, various resources for help are growing to address the issue of  
2 suicide on various levels in Guam’s community. The *Lifelines* training will be  
3 launched this school year, a three (3)-tier curriculum that involves the school  
4 administration, teachers, counselors, support staff and students in creating and  
5 sustaining a suicide-safer school environment. The first community-led *Survivors of*  
6 *Suicide Support Group* will be hosted on October 8, 2015, where all persons who have  
7 experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide can partake in an experience that may  
8 help in their healing journey; and

9           **WHEREAS**, September is “National Suicide Prevention Month.” This month  
10 and throughout the year, we are all reminded that we all can do our part in stopping  
11 suicide on Guam. We all can take an active role in saving a life: by learning more  
12 about suicide and its warnings signs, by supporting someone who might be at risk for  
13 suicide, and by reaching out and asking for help; and

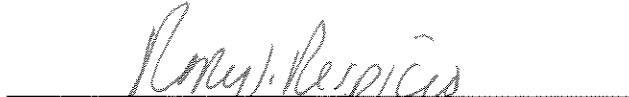
14           **WHEREAS**, the Guam community is a believer that *behavioral health is*  
15 *essential to health*. As much as we take care of our physical fitness, we must also  
16 prioritize our mental health and emotional well-being. It takes strength for an  
17 individual to face and admit emotional pain; and it takes courage to stand up and ask  
18 for help and support; now therefore, be it


19           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na*  
20 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
21 of Guam, recognize and commend the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center  
22 (GBHW) Prevention and Training Branch (PEACE Office), the University of Guam *I*  
23 *Pinangon* Campus Suicide Prevention Program, and Rainbows for All Children on the  
24 commemoration of “National Suicide Prevention Month”; and does further extend a  
25 sincere *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to these organizations for their dedication,  
26 commitment and service to the people of Guam; and be it further

1       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
2 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
3 the same be thereafter transmitted to the University of Guam *I Pinangon* Campus  
4 Suicide Prevention Program; to Rainbows for All Children; to the Guam Behavioral  
5 Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) Prevention and Training Branch (PEACE  
6 Office); and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF SEPTEMBER 2015.**

  
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**BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**  
Acting Speaker

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

  
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## COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

**Resolution No. 195-33 (COR) - Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D., and B. J.F. Cruz – “Relative to recognizing and commending the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) Prevention and Training Branch (PEACE Office), the University of Guam *I Pinangon* Campus Suicide Prevention Program, and Rainbows for All Children on the commemoration of “National Suicide Prevention Month”; and to further extending *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to these organizations for their dedication, commitment and service to the people of Guam.”**

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Rory J. Respicio Chairperson	EVOTE	9/23/15	✓		
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice-Chairperson	EVOTE	9/23/15	✓		
Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Member					
Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz Member	EVOTE	9/23/15	✓		
Legislative Secretary Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member	EVOTE	9/24/15	✓		2015 SEP 24 PM 12:25
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member	EVOTE	9/24/15	✓		
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member	EVOTE	9/23/15	✓		
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member	EVOTE	9/24/15	✓		
Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D. Member	EVOTE	9/23/15	✓		
Senator V. Anthony Ada Minority Leader	EVOTE	9/23/15	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member	EVOTE	9/24/15	✓		

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