

*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>240-33 (COR)</b>	B. J.F. Cruz	Relative to recognizing the observance of World AIDS Day on December 1, 2015; and to further extending a warm and sincere Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to the Guam HIV Planning Group (HPG), Guam's Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA), WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI), and the University of Guam's Introduction to Community Services (SW-110) and Generalist Social Work Practice Methods (SW-331) students for strengthening Guam's community response to HIV and continuing to mobilize our island's efforts in the fight against HIV.	11/25/15 4:17 p.m.	12/01/15 5:00 p.m.					<b>11/30/15</b>

***I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2015 Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 240-33 (COR)**

Introduced by:

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

3        **WHEREAS,** it is the custom of the Guam Legislature to acknowledge official  
4        days that are set aside to increase awareness of serious issues that affect the lives of  
5        the people of Guam; and

1           **WHEREAS**, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-  
2 standing traditions, this Legislative Body is moved to recognize the observance of  
3 World AIDS Day on Tuesday, December 1, 2015; and

4           **WHEREAS**, World AIDS Day is observed on December 1 every year, bringing  
5 together people from around the world to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS; and since  
6 1995, the President of the United States of America has made an official proclamation  
7 on World AIDS Day; and

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

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

15           **WHEREAS**, HIV/AIDS continues to be a major global public health issue: the  
16 disease has claimed more than twenty-five million (25,000,000) lives over the past  
17 three (3) decades, making it one of the most destructive epidemics in recorded history;  
18 and

19           **WHEREAS**, there are close to one million two hundred thousand (1,200,000)  
20 Americans living with HIV infection, and an estimated fifty thousand (50,000) new  
21 HIV infections occurring each year. On Guam, there have been two hundred fifty-  
22 three (253) cases of HIV infections reported since 1985, and there are approximately  
23 sixty-seven (67) people currently living with HIV; and

24           **WHEREAS**, in alignment with the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS), the  
25 Guam HIV Planning Group (HPG), whose mission is “to identify new HIV infections  
26 and reduce HIV-related disparities through the collaboration and coordination of  
27 prevention, care, and treatment services on our island,” plays a critical role in the

1 seamless coordination of partnerships of public and private organizations, such as:  
2 WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI); Guam’s Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA);  
3 the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center; the Just Say No Dance Crew; the  
4 University of Guam; the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services  
5 Family Planning, Maternal Child Health, Immunization, and Tuberculosis Programs;  
6 the Guam Department of Education; Sanctuary, Incorporated; the Oasis  
7 Empowerment Center; the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family  
8 Violence; the Salvation Army, and other community members; and

9         **WHEREAS**, to date, WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI) and Guam’s Alternative  
10 Lifestyle Association (GALA) are the only two (2) community-based organizations on  
11 Guam that retain certified STD/HIV Prevention Counselors, and implement HIV  
12 Rapid Testing and STD testing on Guam; and

13         **WHEREAS**, local efforts are ongoing to promote greater access to treatment,  
14 including antiretroviral drugs, so that people living with HIV (PLWH) can continue to  
15 avail of the HIV continuum of care services and enjoy healthy and productive lives;  
16 and

17         **WHEREAS**, given the substantial biological evidence demonstrating the  
18 increased likelihood of both HIV transmission and acquisition in the presence of other  
19 Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) like chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis,  
20 unprotected sex, already a proven risk factor for HIV transmission, must continue to  
21 be addressed through cross collaboration among community stakeholders as an  
22 important strategy to curb new HIV infections; and

23         **WHEREAS**, although Guam is considered a low HIV prevalence area, local  
24 efforts must be sustained to prevent an HIV epidemic. The HPG’s role is to ensure  
25 that the island’s resources are directed to strengthen STD and HIV prevention and  
26 care efforts. Additionally, HPG continues to ensure the provision of interventions to  
27 key populations, such as men who have sex with men (MSM), injection drug users

1 (IDU), and pregnant women at risk for STDs, with a special focus on developing  
2 sexual reproductive health and responsibility programs and behavioral wellness  
3 programs among young people ages fifteen (15) to twenty-five (25); and

4 **WHEREAS**, public and private partnerships boost the island's efforts to  
5 respond to HIV by advocating for appropriately developed programs that promote  
6 sexual reproductive health and behavioral health and wellness, whose implementation  
7 is geared towards the eradication of AIDS; and

8 **WHEREAS**, as we observe World AIDS Day on December 1, this year's  
9 national theme of: "The Time to Act is Now" reminds us that our work is far from  
10 over and that now is an opportune time for us to recommit ourselves to push the pace  
11 of change, without ceasing, to create an AIDS-free generation; and

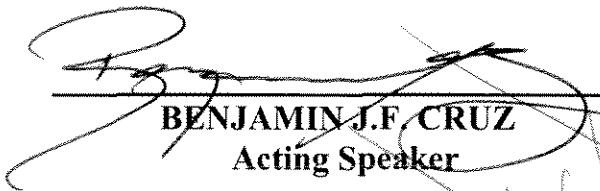
12 **WHEREAS**, the activities planned for Guam's observance of World AIDS Day  
13 2015 would not be possible were it not for the collective efforts and commitment of  
14 the following organizations and individuals: WestCare Pacific Islands/GUAHAN  
15 Project, Guam's Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA), Guam HIV Planning  
16 Group (HPG), the University of Guam's Introduction to Community Services (SW-  
17 110) and Generalist Social Work Practice Methods (SW-331) students, and other  
18 community members; now therefore, be it

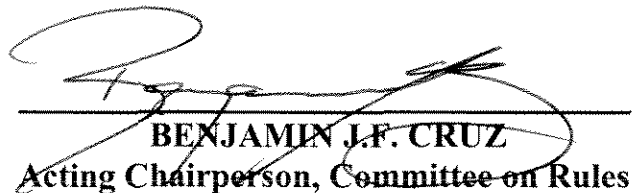
19 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na*  
20 *LiheSlaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I LiheSlaturan Guåhan* and the people  
21 of Guam, recognize the observance of World AIDS Day on December 1, 2015, and  
22 extend its appreciation to the World AIDS Day 2015 Planning Committee, comprised  
23 of the Guam HIV Planning Group (HPG), WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI), Guam's  
24 Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA) and the University of Guam's Introduction  
25 to Community Services (SW-110) and Generalist Social Work Practice Methods (SW-  
26 331) students, on the organizing and planning of the World AIDS Day 2015 activities;  
27 and does further extend a warm and sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the


1 numerous community stakeholders for strengthening the efforts to appropriately  
2 respond to HIV on Guam, and reminding the people of Guam that its collective efforts  
3 are key in ultimately realizing an AIDS-free generation; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
5 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
6 the same be thereafter transmitted to the World AIDS Day 2015 Planning Committee -  
7 Guam HIV Planning Group (HPG); to WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI); to Guam's  
8 Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA); to the University of Guam's Introduction  
9 to Community Services (SW-110) and Generalist Social Work Practice Methods (SW-  
10 331) students; 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 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
NOVEMBER 2015.**

  
BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ  
Acting Speaker

  
BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ  
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES  
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Resolution No. 240-33 (COR) - Benjamin J.F. Cruz- "Relative to recognizing the observance of World AIDS Day on December 1, 2015; and to further extending a warm and sincere *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the Guam HIV Planning Group (HPG), Guam's Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA), WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI), and the University of Guam's Introduction to Community Services (SW-110) and Generalist Social Work Practice Methods (SW-331) students for strengthening Guam's community response to HIV and continuing to mobilize our island's efforts in the fight against HIV.

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Rory J. Respicio Chairperson					
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice-Chairperson					
Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Member	Email	11/30/15	✓		
Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz Member		11/30/15	✓		
Legislative Secretary Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member	Email	11/30/15	✓		
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member	Email	11/30/15	✓		
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Senator V. Anthony Ada Minority Leader	Email	11/30/15	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member	Email	11/30/15	✓		

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9 Certified \_\_\_\_\_ Returned \_\_\_\_\_

Name: W

Date: 11/30/15

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