

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

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46-33 (LS)	T. R. Muña Barnes	Relative to commending and congratulating the Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT) on the occasion of its Twenty First Anniversary celebration on Friday, March 27, 2015; and to further recognizing GSAT for its leadership in providing invaluable services to individuals with disabilities and their families.	03/20/15 6:00 p.m.	03/27/15 9:00 a.m.					03/20/15

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Resolution No. 46-33 (LS)

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Relative to commending and congratulating the Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT) on the occasion of its Twenty-first (21st) Year Anniversary celebration on Friday, March 27, 2015; and to further recognizing the GSAT for its leadership in providing invaluable services to individuals with disabilities and their families.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÁHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS,** the University of Guam Center for Excellence in Developmental
4 Disabilities, Education, Research and Services (Guam CEDDERS) established the
5 Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT) project in 1994, after a three (3) year
6 development grant was approved by the U.S. Department of Education; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the movement to provide technology related assistance to
2 individuals with disabilities began with the Disabilities Act of 1998, as amended in
3 1994, 1998 and 2004 (P.L. 100-407 and 103-218); and referred to as the “AT Act of
4 1998” (P.L. 105-394), which was passed on November 13, 1998; and the “AT ACT of
5 2004” (P.L. 108-364), which was passed on October 24, 2004, and which provided the
6 much needed funding for the grant; and

7 **WHEREAS**, since 2004, the GSAT has annually served an average of three
8 hundred eighty-five (385) individuals through training, and has provided one hundred
9 (100) hours of technical assistance to public and private entities. It reaches an
10 estimated eleven thousand eight hundred (11,800) individuals through public and
11 private agencies, and eighty (80) short term device loans, which saves consumers an
12 average of Four Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-one Dollars (\$4,821) through its
13 Reutilization Efforts; and it provides around Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) in
14 loan funds to finance assistive technology devices; and Twenty-five Thousand Dollars
15 (\$25,000) to assist individuals with disabilities who want to become self employed;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the “AT Act” is to provide financial assistance to
18 territories and states to undertake activities that assist in maintaining and
19 strengthening a permanent comprehensive statewide program of technology-related
20 assistance for individuals with disabilities of all environments; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT) Program is
22 administered by the Guam Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
23 Education, Research, and Services (Guam CEDDERS), and it has developed a strong
24 foundation in the development of a comprehensive state-wide program of technology-
25 related assistance for individuals with disabilities on our island; and in doing so, it has
26 provided sixty-seven (67) short term device loans for the primary purposes of

1 assisting in decision making, serving as a loaner during device service repair or while
2 waiting for funding to provide accommodation on a short term basis, or conducting
3 training, self-education or other professional development activity; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Guam System for Assistive Technology Advisory Council is
5 comprised of twenty-one (21) proactive and hard working members consisting of
6 various types of individuals within our community, to include, individuals with
7 disabilities, parents, family members who are selected from among their peers,
8 advocacy organizations, non-profit service providers, and government of Guam
9 agency representatives; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in FY 2014, the GSAT provided device demonstrations for fifty-
11 eight (58) new individuals; training for one hundred seventy-nine (179) new
12 individuals; provided one hundred (100) hours of technical assistance to public and
13 private entities; and it has reached approximately thirty thousand (30,000) individuals
14 through its public awareness activities; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the GSAT provided Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-eight
16 Dollars (\$4,998) in low interest financial loans to assist individuals in starting up their
17 new business who had no other access to funding; the GSAT also provided Six
18 Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$6,650) in low interest financial loans for the
19 purchase of assistive devices for individuals who had no other access to funding; and
20 the GSAT's Re-Utilization Program efforts resulted in Five Thousand One Hundred
21 Nine Dollars (\$5,109) in consumer savings; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the GSAT conducted three hundred three (303) activities of
23 information dissemination and individual assistance; and it continued the expansion of
24 the AT Device Demonstration and Lending Library by adding twenty (20) new
25 devices; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the GSAT obtained an approved Guam State Plan for continued
2 funding of the AT Program through 2017; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Guam System for Assistive Technology has promoted the use
4 of assistive technology throughout the community, and it has seen the positive effects
5 that assistive technology has added in improving the quality of life for individuals
6 with disabilities; now therefore, be it

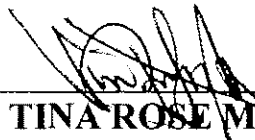
7 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
8 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Guam System for
9 Assistive Technology (GSAT) on the occasion of its Twenty-first (21st) Year
10 Anniversary celebration; and does further recognize the GSAT for its leadership in
11 providing invaluable services to individuals with disabilities and their families; and be
12 it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
14 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. Heidi
15 San Nicolas, Director, Guam CEDDERS; to Carla C. Torres, Assistive Technology
16 and Special Projects Program Coordinator; to Dr. Anita B. Enriquez, Senior Vice
17 President, Academic and Student Affairs, University of Guam; to Dr. Robert
18 Underwood, President, University of Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo,
19 *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 20TH DAY OF MARCH 2015.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary