

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Referred	Committee / Ofc Referred	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	Date Adopted
462-33 (COR)	Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.	Relative to acknowledging the achievements of LifeWorks Guam and commending it on the occasion of the 12th Annual LifeWorks Guam Candlelight Memorial Service; and to further extending a sincere <i>Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'</i> to it for its instrumental efforts in suicide prevention and awareness.	09/22/16 10:51 a.m.	09/24/16 8:15 a.m.					09/23/16

I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2016 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 462-33 (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,** since its inception in 2001, LifeWorks Guam has worked
4 faithfully to provide a significant avenue for suicide prevention; and it continues to

1 dedicate itself to saving lives and bringing hope to all those affected by suicide on
2 Guam, as well as throughout the region; and

3 **WHEREAS**, as one of the first organizations on Guam to have obtained
4 certification in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), LifeWorks
5 Guam has trained at numerous private and government agencies and groups on Guam,
6 such as the University of Guam, the Guam Community College and the Guam
7 Department of Education, as well as groups from Saipan, Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei,
8 Yap, Palau, and Japan; and from 2001 to 2003, LifeWorks Guam trained over two
9 thousand (2,000) individuals solely, without Government of Guam or Federal funding;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, on Guam, our community suffers from an extremely high
12 incidence of suicide, and in fact, has the highest rate per capita within the nation; and
13 suicide is the seventh (7th) leading cause of death on Guam; and

14 **WHEREAS**, most recently, from January to July of this year alone, thirty-one
15 (31) deaths from suicide have occurred, confirming the significant need and ongoing
16 efforts for resources and services that LifeWorks Guam specifically devotes itself to
17 providing; and

18 **WHEREAS**, sixty percent (60%) of overall suicides on Guam occurred among
19 individuals below the age of thirty (30); and about twenty-seven percent (27%) of
20 suicides on Guam included direct evidence – a suicide note – of the intention of
21 suicide, all of which attests to the frequency among youths and young adults and
22 illustrates the potentiality of prevention; and

23 **WHEREAS**, LifeWorks Guam explores ways to prevent suicide; stays up-to-
24 date with tools and training for suicide prevention research; has been an advocate for
25 suicide prevention education in our schools; continually seeks to break the barriers
26 that keep individuals from seeking help for mental health conditions; offers healing

1 and brings hope to those affected by suicide; and engages with the community,
2 legislators and educators on the issue; and

3 **WHEREAS**, as an extension of the non-profit support group, Rainbows for All
4 Children Guam, which assists children and teens to grieve and grow after a loss or
5 abandonment, LifeWorks Guam continues to combine its efforts and establish
6 partnerships; and

7 **WHEREAS**, LifeWorks Guam raises support and brings awareness of the issue
8 through events, such as the LifeWorks Guam “Out of the Darkness, Our Community
9 Walks” Candlelight Memorial, which has taken place annually since 2004, and
10 coincides with “Suicide Awareness Month”; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the LifeWorks Guam “Out of the Darkness, Our Community
12 Walks” Candlelight Memorial is dedicated, above all, to the eternal remembrance of
13 our loved ones who have taken their lives; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the net proceeds from the LifeWorks Guam Candlelight
15 Memorial go to Rainbows for All Children Guam to further enhance and improve the
16 services and support for our youth following the tragedy of a loss or abandonment in
17 their lives; and

18 **WHEREAS**, LifeWorks Guam seeks to inspire individuals who may be
19 harboring intentions or feelings of suicide with the choice of life; and provides an
20 outlet to express heavy feelings and emotions, even through the cultural stigma that
21 may exist or that they may experience in sharing such emotions; and

22 **WHEREAS**, LifeWorks Guam; the LifeWorks Guam Volunteers; and the
23 volunteers from Rainbows for All Children Guam, together with the dedicated
24 University of Guam student-run suicide prevention program, *I Pinangon*, have made
25 the 12th Annual LifeWorks Guam Candlelight Memorial possible; and the work that
26 they continually carry out has been fundamental to the mission of suicide prevention,

1 the tasks of suicide interventions, and to making mental health a priority; now
2 therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na*
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
5 of Guam, acknowledge the achievements of LifeWorks Guam, and commends it on
6 the occasion of the 12th Annual LifeWorks Guam Candlelight Memorial Service; and
7 does further extend a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to it for its
8 instrumental efforts in suicide prevention; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
10 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
11 the same be thereafter transmitted to Rainbows for All Children Guam; to the
12 University of Guam *I Pinangon* Campus Suicide Prevention Program; and to the
13 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 23RD DAY
OF SEPTEMBER 2016.**



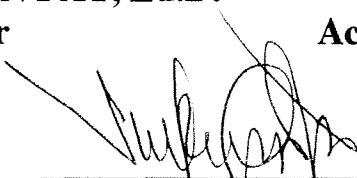
JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.

Speaker



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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

Resolution No. 462-33 (COR) - Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. - "Relative to acknowledging the achievements of LifeWorks Guam and commending it on the occasion of the 12th Annual LifeWorks Guam Candlelight Memorial Service; and to further extending a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to it for its instrumental efforts in suicide prevention and awareness."

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Rory J. Respicio Chairperson	E-VOTE	9/23/14	✓		
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice-Chairperson	E-VOTE	9/23/14	✓		
Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Member	E-VOTE	9/23/16	✓		
Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz Member	E-VOTE	9/23/14	✓		
Legislative Secretary Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member	E-VOTE	9/23/16	✓		
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member	E-VOTE	9/23/16	✓		
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member					
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member					
Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D. Member	E-VOTE	9/23/16	✓		
Senator V. Anthony Ada Minority Leader	E-VOTE	9/23/14	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					

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Name: Chris Lorie Chan

Date: 09.23.16

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