

*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>54-33 (COR)</b>	Tommy Morrison	Relative to recognizing, celebrating and acknowledging those individuals who are affected by autism, and commending and acknowledging their families for their unconditional love and dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, and family members; and to further commending the Autism Community Together (ACT) for its efforts to promote autism awareness and support to families during the observance of the month of April 2015 as "Autism Awareness Month.	03/27/15 2:07 p.m.	04/04/15					04/02/15

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

**Resolution No. 54-33 (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,** autism is a complex developmental disability that typically  
4 appears during the first three years of a child’s life and affects their ability to

1 communicate and interact with others; and there is no known single cause for autism,  
2 but increased awareness and funding can help families today; and

3 **WHEREAS**, autism is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a “spectrum  
4 disorder” that affects individuals differently, to varying degrees; and knows no racial,  
5 ethnic, or social boundaries. In 2014, the Centers for Disease Control’s Autism and  
6 Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network data showed that the  
7 estimated number of children identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD)  
8 continues to rise. The ADDM Network found that about one in sixty-eight children  
9 were identified with ASD based on tracking across multiple areas of the United States.  
10 This same data revealed that some characteristics of children with ASD have remained  
11 the same – boys were almost five times more likely to be identified with ASD than  
12 girls; and

13 **WHEREAS**, caring for a child with ASD can place a heavy economic burden  
14 on families and communities. The ADDM Network estimates that it costs at least  
15 17,000 dollars more per year to care for a child with ASD, as compared to a child  
16 without ASD. Costs include health care, education, ASD-related therapy, family-  
17 coordinated services, and caregiver time. Taken together, it is estimated that the total  
18 societal costs of caring for children with ASD was more than 11.5 billion dollars in  
19 2011; and

20 **WHEREAS**, through the increased awareness, and the services available to  
21 individuals with autism, the lives of our friends and families with autism can be made  
22 easier, while those without autism can expand their understanding of the needs and  
23 challenges that individuals with autism experience; and

24 **WHEREAS**, parents and family members, support groups, researchers, and  
25 professionals have dedicated years of service in their ongoing efforts to advocate for  
26 the rights, respect, dignity, humane treatment, and appropriate education of all persons

1 with autism; and in order to highlight the growing need for concern and awareness  
2 about autism, the Autism Society has celebrated “National Autism Awareness Month”  
3 since the 1970s in the United States, recognizing the month of April as a time of  
4 special opportunity to educate the public about autism, and the issues within the  
5 autism community; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Autism Community Together (ACT), which was formed in  
7 January 2004, has continued to spearhead an awareness effort in order to educate  
8 parents, professionals, and the general public about autism and its effects; and various  
9 activities are being coordinated throughout the month of April 2015 to further these  
10 goals, including, a fair at the *Agaña* Shopping Center, where approximately thirty  
11 vendors will participate in featuring informational displays to disseminate and spread  
12 autism awareness relative to education, employment, career, and many related service  
13 agencies; garner support for our families who participated in the Special Olympics this  
14 year; and feature fun-filled days of activities such as bowling, a duck ride, and a river  
15 cruise for the families affected by autism; now therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na*  
17 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
18 of Guam, recognize, celebrate and acknowledge those individuals who are affected by  
19 autism, and commend and acknowledge their families for their unconditional love and  
20 their dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, and family  
21 members; and does further commend Autism Community Together (ACT) for its  
22 efforts to promote autism awareness and support to families during the observance of  
23 the month of April 2015 as “*Autism Awareness Month*”; and be it further

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
25 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
26 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Officers and Board of Directors of Autism

1 Community Together: to Ms. Evelyn Claros, President; to Ms. Mary Cruz, Vice-  
2 President; to Ms. Carol Darlow, Secretary; to Mrs. Rindratry Limtiaco, Treasurer; to  
3 Ms. Louisa Wessling, Board Member; to Ms. Ana Kilroy, Board Member; to Ms.  
4 Ligaya Magana, Board Member; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*  
5 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF  
APRIL 2015.**



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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**

**Speaker**



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**RORY J. RESPICIO**

**Chairperson, Committee on Rules**



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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**

**Legislative Secretary**



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## COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

Resolution No. 54-33 (COR) –Tommy Morrison- “Relative to recognizing, celebrating and acknowledging those individuals who are affected by autism, and commending and acknowledging their families for their unconditional love and their dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, and family members; and to further commending Autism Community Together (ACT) for its efforts to promote autism awareness and support to families during the observance of the month of April 2015 as ‘Autism Awareness Month’.”

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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Rory J. Respicio Chairperson	Email	4/1/15	✓		
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice-Chairperson	Email	4/2/15	✓		
Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Member					
Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz Member	Email	4/1/15	✓		
Legislative Secretary Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member	Email	4/2/15	✓		
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Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member	Email	4/1/15	✓		
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member	Email	4/1/15	✓		
Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D. Member					
Senator V. Anthony Ada Minority Leader	Email	4/2/15	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					

**For Sponsor's Office Use Only**

Sponsor Signature:

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7 Certified \_\_\_\_\_ Returned

Name: J.D. Perez

Date: 4/2/15

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