

**I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
36-37 (COR)	Roy A. B. Quinata Amanda L. Shelton Joe S. San Agustin William A. Parkinson Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Jesse A. Lujan Sabina Flores Perez Frank Blas Jr. Telo T. Taitague Christopher M. Dueñas Joanne Brown Thomas J. Fisher Therese M. Terlaje Chris Barnett	Relative to recognizing the Autism Community Together (ACT) for its efforts to promote autism awareness and provide support to families on the observance of "Autism Awareness Month" during the month of April 2023, with this year's theme: " <i>See Their True Colors – Support and Accept Autism</i> "; and commending the members of ACT, and the families and caregivers of all persons with autism for their unconditional love and dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, family members, and friends.	2/23/23 4:54 p.m.	4/13/23 5:30 p.m.	4/10/23 1:13 p.m.					

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three (3) years of a child's life and affects their ability to communicate and interact with others; and, there is no single cause for ASD, but increased awareness and funding can help families today; and

WHEREAS, autism is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a "spectrum disorder" that affects individuals differently, to varying degrees, and it knows no racial, ethnic, or social boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network found that around one (1) in forty-four (44) children were identified with ASD based on tracking across multiple areas of the United States. This same data revealed that some characteristics of children with ASD have remained the same, and that boys were almost five (5) times more likely to be identified with ASD than girls. Today, one (1) in twenty-seven (27) boys identified with autism and one (1) in one hundred sixteen (116) girls identified with autism and approximately one (1) in forty-four (44) children will be diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders; and more children are diagnosed with ASD than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes, and pediatric AIDS combined; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. CDC reports the likelihood of a school-aged child receiving a diagnosis of Autism or a related developmental disorder rose more than seventy percent (70%) between 2007 and 2012. The report also stated, roughly one (1) in fifty (50) children in the Nation are diagnosed with autism today, a rise from one (1) in one thousand (1,000) in 1980; and

WHEREAS, on average, autism costs an estimated Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) a year through childhood, with the bulk of the costs in special services and lost wages related to increased demands on one or both parents. Costs increase with the occurrence of intellectual disability. The cost of caring for Americans with autism had reached \$268 billion in 2015 and would rise to \$461 billion by 2025 in the absence of more-effective interventions and support across the life span; and

WHEREAS, caring for a child with ASD can place a heavy economic burden on families and communities. The ADDM Network estimates that it costs at least Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) more per year to care for a child with ASD, as compared to a child without ASD. Costs include health care, education, ASD-related therapy, family-coordinated services, and caregiver time. Taken together, it is estimated that the total societal costs of caring for children with ASD was more than \$11.5 Billion Dollars in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the latest report from the U.S. CDC finds that 1.47% of 8-year-old children have autism. Extrapolating this rate to all people with autism puts costs at roughly \$358 Billion in 2015 and \$616 Billion in 2025. Assuming that autism rates will continue to climb as they have over the past few years lifts the 2025 estimate to more than \$1 Trillion; and

WHEREAS, a quarter century ago, a nationwide effort was launched to promote autism awareness, inclusion, and self-determination for all, and ensure that each person with ASD is provided with the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life; and this year, the Autism Society wants to go beyond simply promoting autism awareness by encouraging friends and collaborators to become partners in the movement towards acceptance and appreciation; and

WHEREAS, parents and family members, support groups, researchers, and professionals have dedicated years of service in their ongoing efforts to advocate for the rights, respect, dignity, humane treatments, and appropriate education of all persons with autism; and, in order to highlight the growing need for concern and awareness about autism, the Autism Community Together (ACT) of Guam is celebrating "Autism Awareness Month" during the month of April 2023, and this year's theme is "See Their True Colors – Support and Accept Autism"; and

WHEREAS, the Autism Community Together, which was formed in January 2004, has continued to spearhead an awareness effort in order to educate parents, professionals, and the general public about autism and its effects; and, various activities are being coordinated throughout the month of April 2023 to further these goals; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, recognize ACT for its efforts to promote autism awareness and provide support to families, and on the observance of "Autism Awareness Month" during the month of April 2023, with this year's theme: "See Their True Colors – Support and Accept Autism"; and commend the members of ACT and the families and caregivers of all persons with autism for their unconditional love and dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, family members, and friends; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Josephine M.P. Blas, President, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Kristal K. Flores, Vice-President, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Maydelene C. Ganan-Flores, Treasurer, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Doris Calvo, Secretary, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Evelyn San Agustin-Claros, Board Member, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Joanne Perez Zanon, Board Member, Autism Community Together; to Doria Cruz, Board Member, Autism Community Together; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Mags'ågan Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2023.

THERESE M. TERLAJI  
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON  
Legislative Secretary



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APR 11, 2023  
4:05 PM

***I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2023 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 36-37 (COR)**

Introduced by:

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4 **disability that typically appears during the first three (3) years of a child’s life and**  
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27 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*  
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12 to Ms. Doris Calvo, Secretary, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Evelyn San  
13 Agustin-Claros, Board Member, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Joanne Perez  
14 Zanoni, Board Member, Autism Community Together; to Doria Cruz, Board Member,  
15 Autism Community Together; and to the Honorable Lourdes Leon Guerrero, *I*  
16 *Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF APRIL 2023.**

  
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Speaker

  
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**CHRIS BARNETT**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary



# COMMITTEE ON RULES

Chris Barnett, Chairperson, Committee on Rules

*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

## COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

**Resolution No. 36-37 (COR)** –Roy A. B. Quinata, Amanda L. Shelton, Joe S. San Agustin, William A. Parkinson, Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas, Jesse A. Lujan, Sabina Flores Perez, Frank Blas, Jr., Telo T. Taitague, Christopher M. Dueñas, Joanne Brown, Thomas J. Fisher, Therese M. Terlaje, Chris Barnett. – “Relative to recognizing the Autism Community Together (ACT) for its efforts to promote autism awareness and provide support to families on the observance of “Autism Awareness Month” during the month of April 2023, with this year’s theme: “See Their True Colors – Support and Accept Autism”; and commending the members of ACT, and the families and caregivers of all persons with autism for their unconditional love and dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, family members, and friends.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
<b>Senator Chris Barnett</b> Chairperson	EVOTE	4/10/23	✓		
<b>Senator Sabina Flores Perez</b> Vice Chairperson	EVOTE	4/7/23	✓		
<b>Speaker Therese M. Terlaje</b> Member	EVOTE	4/7/23	✓		
<b>Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes</b> Member	EVOTE	4/10/23	✓		
<b>Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton</b> Member	EVOTE	4/10/23	✓		
<b>Senator William A. Parkinson</b> Member	EVOTE	4/10/23	✓		
<b>Senator Roy A. B. Quinata</b> Member	<i>RQ</i>	4/7/23	✓		
<b>Senator Joe S. San Agustin</b> Member	EVOTE	4/10/23	✓		
<b>Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas</b> Member	EVOTE	4/10/23	✓		
<b>Senator Joanne Brown</b> Minority Member	EVOTE	4/7/23	✓		
<b>Senator Christopher M. Dueñas</b> Minority Member	EVOTE	4/7/23	✓		
<b>Senator Thomas J. Fisher</b> Minority Member	EVOTE	4/10/23	✓		
<b>Senator Telo T. Taitague</b> Minority Member	EVOTE	4/7/23	✓		

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Sponsor Signature: *Roy A. B. Quinata*

Staff Contact Person: Kein Artero, Community Liason

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13 Certified \_\_\_\_\_ Returned

Name: Marie Crisostomo

Date: 4/10/23 1:13 p.m.

Notes:



OFFICE OF SENATOR  
**ROY A. B. QUINATA**

*I Mina' trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan* | 37th Guam Legislature  
Committee on Infrastructure, Economic Development, Simon Sanchez High School, Disabilities Services,  
Self-Determination and Historic Preservation, Housing, Public Accountability, and the Guam Buildup

April 10, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

From: Senator Roy A. B. Quinata 

Subject: Notice of Presentation - Resolution No. 36-37 (COR)

*Buenas yan Håfa Adai!*

Please join me in presenting Resolution No. 36-37 (COR) - "Relative to recognizing the Autism Community Together (ACT) for its efforts to promote autism awareness and provide support to families on the observance of "Autism Awareness Month" during the month of April 2023, with this year's theme: "See Their True Colors – Support and Accept Autism."

The presentation will take place on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at Guam Congress Building.

I look forward to your attendance and participation.

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'*