


I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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Introduced by:

Roy Anthony Benavente Quinata 

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, the University of Guam 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 United States Department of Education; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the movement to provide technology-related assistance to
8 individuals with disabilities began with the disabilities Act of 1998, as amended in 1994,
9 1998, and 2004 with U.S. Public Law 100-407 and U.S. Public Law 103-218; and
10 referred to as U.S. Public Law 108-364 also known as the “AT Act of 1998,” enacted
11 on October 24, 2004; and which provided the much-needed funding for the grant; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the GSAT program administered by the Guam CEDDERS has
13 established a resilient foundation in the growth of a comprehensive state-wide program
14 of technology-related assistance for individuals with disabilities within our island; and

1 **WHEREAS**, GSAT has annually served many individuals through training,
2 device demonstrations, public awareness activities, technical assistance to public and
3 private agencies, short-term device loans, and reutilization efforts, and they finance
4 assistive technology devices and help individuals with disabilities become self-
5 employed through *Akudi* Loan Program; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Twenty-ninth (29th) Annual GSAT Conference theme,
7 published by the Guam CEDDERS is “Raising the Bar: Live, Work, and Play with
8 Assistive Technology,” which celebrates individuals with disabilities along with their
9 families, use assistive technology to live quality lives in the community, access
10 education, and obtain and retain gainful employment; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the “AT Act” serves to provide financial assistance
12 to states and territories to commence activities that help in upholding and strengthening
13 a long-lasting comprehensive state-wide program of technology-related assistance for
14 all individuals with disabilities and in all environments; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the “AT Act” priority areas focus on activities which:

16 (1) provide direct-aid to individuals with disabilities to ensure that they have
17 access to the technology they need, to the extent appropriate and are able to secure and
18 maintain possession of assistive technology devices, so they can be more fully
19 participate in education, employment, and daily activities on a level playing field with
20 other members of their communities;

21 (2) increase the public’s awareness of laws, regulations, policies, and
22 procedures, practices, and organizational structures that facilitate the availability or
23 provision of assistive technology devices and services;

24 (3) increase the capacity of public and private entities to provide and pay for
25 assistive technology devices and services on a state-wide basis for individuals with
26 disabilities of all ages;

27 (4) assist in developing and implementing strategies to ensure timely
28 acquisitions and delivery of assistive technology; and

1 (5) increase the active involvement of individuals with disabilities and their
2 family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives in the planning,
3 development implementation, and evaluation of such a program; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT) General
5 Membership Advisory Council is comprised of twelve (12) active members, to include
6 individuals with disabilities, parents and family members, who are selected from among
7 their peers, non-profit service providers, advocacy organizations, and government o
8 Guam agency representatives; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the establishment of an accessible Demonstration and Training
10 Center was made possible by the in-kind support of the Program; and it is located at
11 House #19 and House #20, Dean’s Circle on the University of Guam campus; and

12 **WHEREAS**, GSAT has promoted the use of assistive technology throughout the
13 community, and we have seen the positive effects that assistive technology has added
14 in improving the quality of life for individuals with disabilities; and on April 21, 2023
15 GSAT annual conference and April 29, 2023 GSAT annual expo, the Guam System for
16 Assistive Technology (GSAT) will celebrate its Twenty-ninth (29th) Years of serving
17 the people of Guam; now therefore, be it

18 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
19 on behalf of the people of Guam, to recognizing the Guam System for Assistive
20 Technology (GSAT) on the occasion of its Twenty-nineth (29th) Annual GSAT
21 Assistive Technology Conference and Expo; and commending GSAT for its continued
22 efforts in delivering vital service to individuals with disabilities and their families; and
23 be it further

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
25 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the University
26 of Guam Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (CEDDERS); to the
27 University of Guam Board of Regents; and to the University of Guam President; and to
28 the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE DAY OF MARCH 2023.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary