

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

| Resolution No. | Sponsor | Title | Date Intro | Date of Presentation | Date Adopted | Date Referred | Referred to | PUBLIC HEARING DATE | DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED | NOTES |
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WHEREAS, Guam joins the nation in recognizing the month of April 2023 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" and "Child Abuse Prevention Month"; and also recognize "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" from April 23 to April 29, 2023; and
WHEREAS, "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" is aimed at bringing attention to the fact that rape and sexual assault remain serious issues in our community; and
WHEREAS, according to the FBI, Uniform Crime Report statistics published by the University of Guam, the island has the second highest number of rapes per capita in the United States. There are 64.2 reported rapes per 100,000 people in Guam, compared to the national rate of 25.2 per 100,000 people; and
WHEREAS, the Guam Police Department's 2021 Uniform Crime Report show that 180 rape cases were reported, 79 fondling cases, 10 incest cases, and 7 statutory rape cases; sexual assault impacts women, children, and men of all racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds; and
WHEREAS, the survivors of sexual assault deserve to be treated with dignity, compassion, and respect; and it is essential that services and support programs are provided to help survivors cope with the consequences of sexual assault through counseling, medical services, food, and transportation; and
WHEREAS, the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault in collaboration with the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center and Healing Hearts Crisis Center has forged community partnerships with government agencies, private companies, and non-profit organizations to enhance the quality of care for survivors of sexual violence; and
WHEREAS, "Child Abuse Prevention Month" recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect; and to build stronger communities where children can reach their full potential; and
WHEREAS, one thousand six hundred seventy-one (1,671) child welfare referrals were made here on Guam in fiscal year 2022, and the Harvest House 2022 statistics show that there are over 600 children in the foster care system; and
WHEREAS, child abuse negatively impacts every aspect and stage of a child's life, the long-term effects of which affects our entire community and the most important tool to eliminate the tragedy of child abuse is prevention; and
WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be preventable when parents, families, communities, and government organizations work together to provide secure and flourishing environments for children; and
WHEREAS, research has shown that parents and caretakers who have access to resources and support systems are more likely to provide safe and healthy conditions that promotes the social and emotional well-being of children and families; and
WHEREAS, "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" was declared by President Ronald W. Reagan in 1981 to help increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of victims and survivors of crime; and
WHEREAS, victim service providers, advocates, law enforcement officers, attorneys, and other allied professionals can help survivors find their justice by enforcing these rights; and
WHEREAS, the right to provide an impact statement ensures that victims' voices are considered in court during the sentencing and, when applicable, restitution processes; and
WHEREAS, "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" provides an opportunity to recommit to listening to crime survivors in every space where decisions are made that could impact them; and
WHEREAS, the April 2023 "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" theme "Survivor Voices: Elevate. Engage. Effect Change" calls upon communities to amplify the voices of survivors and commit to creating an environment where survivors have the confidence that they will be heard, believed, and supported; and
WHEREAS, "Sexual Assault Awareness Month," "National Child Abuse Prevention Month," and "Crime Victims' Rights Week" allows us to renew our commitment to ensure that all victims and survivors of crime have access to services necessary to aid in the healing process and to restore their sense of self-empowerment, and makes it possible for our community and thousands of other communities across the nation to honor those who have dedicated their lives to ensure that critical resources and services are available to help victims and survivors of sexual assault, child abuse and neglect, and crime victims to begin rebuilding their lives; and now therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, recognize April 2023 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month", "Child Abuse Prevention Month" and "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" throughout the month of April; and commend the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence and the numerous community advocates, organizations and government agencies in their efforts to raise public awareness; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence, the Healing Hearts Crisis Center, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, the Bureau of Social Services Administration, Department of Public Health, the Office of the Attorney General of Guam; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Mago'Agua Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 28TH DAY OF MARCH 2023.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



MARIE CRUZ
3/30/2023
5:23 p.m.

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2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

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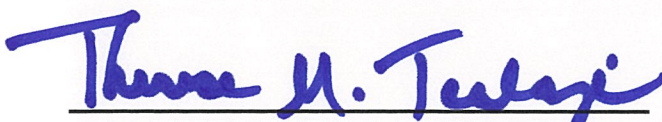
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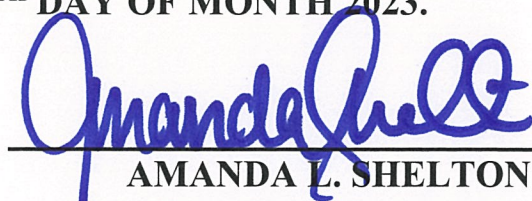
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16 *Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 28TH DAY OF MONTH 2023.



THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker



AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



Office of the Speaker
THERESE M. TERLAJE
I Mina'trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 37th Guam Legislature
Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

March 30, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje 

Subject: **Notice of Presentation - Resolution No. 71-37 (LS)**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of Resolution No. 71-37 (LS) **“Relative to recognizing April 2023 as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month”, “Child Abuse Prevention Month” and “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week” throughout the month of April; and commending the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence and the numerous community advocates, organizations and government agencies in their efforts to raise public awareness.”**

The presentation will be held on **Friday, March 31, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.** at the **Guam Community College Multipurpose Room**, in Mangilao.

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

Notwithstanding Section 7.04 (f) Presentation of Resolutions; Notice Required and Supplemented by Resolution No. 11-37 (COR), Guidelines, Section 4. Required Notices/Memorandums for Resolution No. 71-37 (LS) has been granted by the Committee on Rules.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

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