

**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
169-37 (COR)	Amanda L. Shelton	Relative to recognizing the observance of "International Youth Day" on August 12, 2023; and commending the Guam Youth Congress (GYC), Guam Youth Advisory Council (GYAC), the Islandwide Board of Governing Students (IBOGS), and the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA) for their commitment to advocating for our youth voices.	8/3/23 2:42 p.m.	8/11/23 12:15 p.m.	8/9/23 4:27 p.m.					

Resolution No. 169-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

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

- WHEREAS, the United Nations celebrates “International Youth Day” every year on August 12 to bring youth issues to the attention of the international community, and the observance recognizes the potential of youth as partners in today’s global society; and
- WHEREAS, “International Youth Day” was established in the early 2000s to increase participation in the education, community, environment, and volunteer work of all youth, and it focuses on the challenges and struggles the youth undergo and creates awareness to alleviate these issues; and
- WHEREAS, “International Youth Day” promotes an initiative that strives to provide accessible and reliable resources for youths’ education, well-being, medicine, and more; and
- WHEREAS, Guam has devoted itself to serving all people, including our children and young persons, by developing various programs to foster key leadership skills and the confidence needed to excel as leaders; and
- WHEREAS, the Guam Youth Congress (GYC), the Guam Youth Advisory Council (GYAC), the Islandwide Board of Governing Students (IBOGS), and Department of Youth Affairs (DYA) were formed with the intention of representing the voices of the youth in many different capacities who are involved in policy and decision-making, education, civic engagement, and many more; and
- WHEREAS, the Guam Youth Congress (GYC) was established in 1975 with the power to pass bills, create resolutions, establish committees, and hold hearings, and encourages civic participation amongst the island’s youth; and
- WHEREAS, the GYC consists of leaders from each village who represent their respective peers, and they follow the legislative model closely and has committees formed based on multiple, niche agencies, providing input from the youth to target certain challenges in their generation; and
- WHEREAS, since the formation of the GYC, there have been numerous changes made to legislative policies to accommodate the new perspectives and ideals developed over the years; and the GYC has passed several bills in the past decade on various important issues, including a styrofoam ban, the taxation on e-cigarettes, its successful contribution to the ban of plastic bag distribution, and the creation of legislation for accessible menstruation products for young females in public schools, which have since been passed by the Guam Legislature and have now become public law, such as the Period Poverty Act of 2021 and the “*Manlahan Para I Fino-ta Ael*”; and
- WHEREAS, the Guam Youth Advisory Council (GYAC) was formed in January of 2020 by Executive Order 2020-02 to aid the Governor of Guam and her counterparts in addressing the problems within the island’s youth along with creating feasible solutions to these dilemmas; and GYAC works with *I Maga’bagan Guåhan* and her council to discuss pressing matters and concerns observed throughout the island on a more direct and intimate level; and
- WHEREAS, GYAC’s main focus is to advocate for change within our island’s youth to encourage the youth of today so that they become better leaders of tomorrow; and they advocate for multiple opportunities like a more competitive salary; they address mental health issues on our island to stop or slow acts of violence within schools; and they ensure talent will have a place to grow on Guam to provide lucrative opportunities for our people and our economy; and
- WHEREAS, a significant accomplishment of the GYAC was increasing the salaries of all Department of Education teachers, along with setting the groundwork for student safety within schools and constructing solutions for the significant brain drain on Guam; and GYAC has also hosted youth summits that provide young people with the chance to organize, network, learn new things, and share their hopes and concerns in a public forum; and
- WHEREAS, the people of Guam recognize the importance of having a student perspective within the Guam public school system to represent student views and struggles; and
- WHEREAS, the Islandwide Board of Governing Students (IBOGS) includes students from public high schools who are involved in the academic affairs of the Guam Education Board according to Public Law 31-19; and as a non-voting member, they hear issues that affect the public education system, which includes, but is not limited to, establishing a school calendar, modifying graduation requirements, accordingly, reviewing student disciplinary rules, and making recommendations to amend Guam’s education laws to *I Maga’bagan Guåhan* and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*; and
- WHEREAS, children are encouraged to join leadership opportunities to further explore and develop their interest while providing many opportunities to build character and experience; and
- WHEREAS, the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA) is committed to improving the quality of life on Guam for all people by the development and implementation of programs and services that promote positive youth development, decrease juvenile delinquency and status offenses, hold youth accountable for their actions and provide them with appropriate treatment and opportunities to succeed in the community; and
- WHEREAS, this summer, DYA hosted over one thousand eight hundred (1,800) interns in various agencies and branches of the government through the Guam Youth Summer Employment (GYSEI), a five-week internship for teens ages 14-17 providing an opportunity for our island’s young people to be exposed to public service and the humble work of our government; and
- WHEREAS, through this program, interns participated in a variety of tasks ranging from legislative work and shadowing officials, to tree planting and many more. Earlier this month, these interns were involved in a trash clean up and collected over four hundred fifty-two (452) bags of trash; and
- WHEREAS, this year’s “International Youth Day” theme of “*Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World*” promotes the knowledge, abilities, values, and attitudes that are needed to live in, develop, and support a sustainable and resource-efficient society; and these Guam youth organizations have worked tirelessly throughout the years to contribute to sustainability and advancement in many areas of Guam; 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 the observance of “International Youth Day” on August 12, 2023; and commend the Guam Youth Congress (GYC), Guam Youth Advisory Council (GYAC), the Islandwide Board of Governing Students (IBOGS), and the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA) for their commitment to advocating for our youth voices; 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 Guam Youth Congress, Guam Youth Advisory Council, Islandwide Board of Governing Students (IBOGS), and Department of Youth Affairs (DYA); and the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga’bagan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 9TH DAY OF AUGUST 2023.

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 THERESE M. TERLAJE
 Speaker

Handwritten signature of Chris Barnett
 CHRIS BARNETT
 Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Handwritten signature of Amanda L. Shelton
 AMANDA L. SHELTON
 Legislative Secretary



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

Resolution No. 169-37 (COR)

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11 children and young persons, by developing various programs to foster key leadership
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19 power to pass bills, create resolutions, establish committees, and hold hearings, and
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22 respective peers, and they follow the legislative model closely and has committees
23 formed based on multiple, niche agencies, providing input from the youth to target
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4 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
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I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 9TH DAY
OF AUGUST 2023.**



THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker



CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Chris Barnett, Chairperson, Committee on Rules

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

37th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 169-37 (COR) - Amanda L. Shelton. - "Relative to recognizing the observance of "International Youth Day" on August 12, 2023; and commending the Guam Youth Congress (GYC), Guam Youth Advisory Council (GYAC), the Islandwide Board of Governing Students (IBOGS), and the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA) for their commitment to advocating for our youth voices."

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson	E-Vote	8/9/23	✓		
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson	E-Vote	8/9/23	✓		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	E-Vote	8/9/23	✓		
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member					
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member	<i>Ashelton</i>	8/9/23	✓		
Senator William A. Parkinson Member	E-Vote	8/9/23	✓		
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member	E-Vote	8/9/23	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member					
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member	E-Vote	8/9/23	✓		
Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member					
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member	E-Vote	8/9/23	✓		
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member					
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	E-Vote	8/9/23	✓		
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Office of Senator

AMANDA L. SHELTON

Legislative Secretary & Chairwoman

Committee on Maritime and Air Transportation, Parks, Tourism, Higher Education, and the Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan • 37th Guam Legislature

August 09, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators

37th Guam Legislature

From: Senator Amanda L. Shelton *Ashelton*

Re: Presentation Notice for Resolution No. 169-37 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of **Resolution No. 169-37 (COR) – Amanda L. Shelton.** – “Relative to recognizing the observance of “International Youth Day” on August 12, 2023; and commending Guam Youth Congress (GYC), Guam Youth Advisory Council (GYAC), Islandwide Board of Governing Students (IBOGS), and Department of Youth Affairs (DYA) for their commitment to advocating for our youth voices.”

The resolution will be presented on Friday August 11, 2023 at 12:15PM at the Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building.

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

