

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
195-37 (COR)	Amanda L. Shelton	Relative to recognizing the achievements of LifeWorks Guam; and commending them on the occasion of the Nineteenth (19th) Annual LifeWorks Guam Candlelight Memorial Service, and for their active and significant efforts in suicide prevention and awareness.	9/18/23 10:50 a.m.	9/23/23 7:30 a.m.	9/19/23 2:52 p.m.					

Resolution No. 195-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

Amanda L. Shelton

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Relative to recognizing the achievements of LifeWorks Guam; and commending them on the occasion of the Nineteenth (19th) Annual LifeWorks Guam Candlelight Memorial Service, and for their active and significant efforts in suicide prevention and awareness.

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

WHEREAS, since its inception in 2001, LifeWorks Guam has worked faithfully to provide a significant avenue for suicide prevention, and it is dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to all those affected by suicide on Guam, as well as throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, as the first organization on Guam to have obtained certification in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), LifeWorks Guam has trained individuals at numerous private entities and government agencies; and at various organizations on Guam, such as the University of Guam, the Guam Community College, the Guam Department of Education, the Guam Hotel Industry, the Department of Youth Affairs, Salvation Army, VARO, the ALEE Shelter, the Department of Justice, the Department of Corrections, the Guam Fire Department, the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, the Military Community, and the Archdiocese of *Agaña*; as well as groups from Saipan, Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, Yap, Palau, and Japan; and from 2011 to 2023, LifeWorks Guam has trained over two thousand (2,000) individuals solely, without government of Guam or federal funding; and

WHEREAS, on Guam, our community suffers from an extremely high incidence of suicide; and in fact, Guam has the highest suicide rate per capita within the nation, and suicide is the seventh (7th) leading cause of death on Guam; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, there were twenty-eight (28) deaths from suicide, confirming the significant need and ongoing efforts for resources and services that LifeWorks Guam specifically devotes itself to providing; and

WHEREAS, forty-five percent (45%) of overall suicides on Guam occurred among individuals below the age of thirty (30); and about thirty-four percent (34%) of all victims were within the ages of twenty (20) to twenty-nine (29) years old, including direct evidence, such as a suicide note, of the intention of the suicide, all of which attests to the frequency among youth and young adults and illustrates the potentiality of suicide prevention; and

WHEREAS, LifeWorks Guam explores ways to prevent suicide and stays up-to-date with tools and training for suicide prevention research; it has been an advocate for suicide prevention education in our schools; it continually seeks to break the barriers that keep individuals from seeking help for mental health conditions; it offers healing and brings hope to those affected by suicide; and it engages with the community, legislators, and educators on the issue; and

WHEREAS, as an extension of the non-profit support group, Rainbows for All Children Guam, which assists children and teens in coping with the loss of a significant loved one and going through life's difficult transition, LifeWorks Guam continues to combine its efforts and establish partnerships; and

WHEREAS, LifeWorks Guam raises support and brings awareness of the issue of suicide through events, such as the LifeWorks Guam "Out of the Darkness, Our Community Walks Candlelight Memorial," which has taken place annually since 2004, and intentionally coincides with "Suicide Awareness Month"; and

WHEREAS, the LifeWorks Guam event "Out of Darkness, Our Community Walks Candlelight Memorial Service" is dedicated, above all, to the eternal remembrance of our loved ones who have taken their lives; and

WHEREAS, the net proceeds from the LifeWorks Guam Candlelight Memorial Service go to the Rainbows for All Children Guam to further enhance and improve the services for our youth following the tragedy of loss or abandonment in their lives; and

WHEREAS, LifeWorks Guam seeks to inspire individuals who may be harboring intentions or feelings of suicide with the choice of life and provides an outlet to express heavy feelings and emotions, even though the cultural stigma that may exist or that they may experience in sharing such emotions; and

WHEREAS, LifeWorks Guam, the LifeWorks Guam volunteers, the volunteers from Rainbows for All Children Guam, the Ashefani Lom Foundation, Saint Anthony Catholic School, the Pacific Daily News, Santa Barbara Catholic School, KUAM Care Force, the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs, Mayor Louise Rivera, Dr. D Chiropractic and Nutrition, Coast360, the Law Offices of Phillips & Bordallo, Guam Financial Company, First Hawaiian Bank, Wendy's, Calvo's SelectCare, Title Guaranty of Guam, the Sisters of Mercy, the Daniel Dy Park & Maria Is Park Scholarship Foundation, Cold Stone Creamery, the Bank of Guam, The Guam Daily Post, Far East Equipment Company, Community First, Moylan's International Distributors, Inc., Family Finance, Triple J Enterprises, Ada's Mortuary, Inc., and Southern Pacific Petroleum Company have made the Nineteenth (19th) Annual LifeWorks Guam, "Out of Darkness Our Community Walks, Candlelight Memorial Service" possible, and the work that they continually carry out has been fundamental to the mission of suicide prevention, the tasks of suicide interventions, and to making mental health a priority; 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 achievements of LifeWorks Guam; and commend them on the occasion of the Nineteenth (19th) Annual LifeWorks Guam Candlelight Memorial Service, and for their active and significant efforts in suicide prevention and awareness; 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 Rainbows for All Children Guam; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Manga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 19TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Acting Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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Acting Legislative Secretary



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

Resolution No. 195-37 (COR)

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5 College, the Guam Department of Education, the Guam Hotel Industry, the Department
6 of Youth Affairs, Salvation Army, VARO, the ALEE Shelter, the Department of
7 Justice, the Department of Corrections, the Guam Fire Department, the Girl Scouts, the
8 Boy Scouts, the Military Community, and the Archdiocese of *Agaña*; as well as groups
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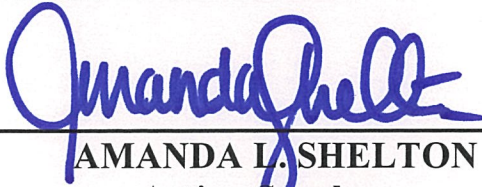
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2 from Rainbows for All Children Guam, the Ashefani Lom Foundation, Saint Anthony
3 Catholic School, the Pacific Daily News, Santa Barbara Catholic School, KUAM Care
4 Force, the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs, Mayor Louise Rivera, Dr. D Chiropractic
5 and Nutrition, Coast360, the Law Offices of Phillips & Bordallo, Guam Financial
6 Company, First Hawaiian Bank, Wendy’s, Calvo’s SelectCare, Title Guaranty of
7 Guam, the Sisters of Mercy, the Daniel Dy Park & Maria Is Park Scholarship
8 Foundation, Cold Stone Creamery, the Bank of Guam, The Guam Daily Post, Far East
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16 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
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Acting Speaker



CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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Acting Legislative Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Chris Barnett, Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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37th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 195-37 (COR) - Amanda L. Shelton. - "Relative to recognizing the achievements of LifeWorks Guam; and commending them on the occasion of the Nineteenth (19th) Annual LifeWorks Guam Candlelight Memorial Service, and for their active and significant efforts in suicide prevention and awareness."

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson	E-VOTE	09/19/2023	X		
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson	E-VOTE	09/19/2023	X		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member					
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member					
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member	<i>Ashelton</i>	09/19/2023	X		
Senator William A. Parkinson Member	E-VOTE	09/19/2023	X		
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member	E-VOTE	09/19/2023	X		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	E-VOTE	09/19/2023	X		
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member	E-VOTE	09/19/2023	X		
Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member	E-VOTE	09/19/2023	X		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member	E-VOTE	09/19/2023	X		
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member	E-VOTE	09/19/2023	X		
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	E-VOTE	09/19/2023	X		
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Sponsor Signature: <i>Amanda L. Shelton</i>					
Staff Contact Person: Jay Milan					
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<u>11</u> Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Joaquin 'Quin' P. Taitague					
Date: September 19, 2023 at 2:52 p.m.					
Notes:					



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

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September 19, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators

37th Guam Legislature

From: Senator Amanda L. Shelton 

Re: Presentation Notice for Resolution No. 195-37 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of **Resolution No. 195-37 (COR) – Amanda L. Shelton**. – “Relative to recognizing the achievements of LifeWorks Guam; and commending them on the occasion of the Nineteenth (19th) Annual LifeWorks Guam Candlelight Memorial Service, and for their active and significant efforts in suicide prevention and awareness.”

The resolution will be presented on Saturday, September 23, 2023, 7:30AM at the Saint Anthony Catholic School Gymnasium.

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

