

**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
200-37 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje Sabina Flores Perez Chris Barnett	Relative to recognizing the observance of "Red Ribbon Month" during the month of October 2023; and commending the various individuals who are participating in the "2023 Red Ribbon Campaign" for their continued efforts in preventing drug, tobacco and alcohol abuse, and for encouraging youth participation in "Red Ribbon Week" during the week of October 23 through October 31, 2023.	9/20/23 10:31 a.m.	10/2/23 9:00 a.m.	9/29/23 3:55 p.m.					

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2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 200-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

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

3 **WHEREAS, “Red Ribbon Week” is an alcohol, tobacco, smoking, and other**
4 **drug and violence prevention awareness campaign that is observed annually in October**
5 **in the United States; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, according to the National Center on Drug Abuse Statistics
2 (NCDAS), approximately 1.16 million Americans are arrested annually for drug-related
3 offenses, eighty percent (80%) of prison inmates abuse drugs or alcohol, two hundred
4 forty-four thousand (244,000) Americans are sent to prison each year for drug-related
5 crimes, and twenty six percent (26%) of all arrests in America are related to drug
6 offenses; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) states that alcohol-
8 related crimes include drunk driving and homicide; and each year, three hundred sixteen
9 thousand thirty-two (316,032) Americans are arrested for drunkenness, ten thousand
10 five hundred eleven (10,511) deaths occur due to drunk driving, and seven thousand
11 three hundred thirty-four (7,334) homicides have alcohol as a contributing factor; and

12 **WHEREAS**, according to the Guam Bureau of Statistics and Plans, drug and
13 alcohol abuse is a significant contributor to the increasing violent crime problems on
14 Guam; and according to the Guam State Epidemiological Profile report, it states that in
15 2017, alcohol-related arrests comprised sixteen percent (16%) of all arrests cleared, and
16 alcohol was a factor in seventeen percent (17%) of all traffic-related deaths; and in
17 addition to this, the report also highlights that one (1) in four (4) high school students
18 in Guam is a current user of marijuana; and

19 **WHEREAS**, according to the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center
20 (GBHWC), tobacco consumption remains higher in Guam than in the United States, for
21 both adults and youth, and although smoking is declining, Guam still has one of the
22 highest smoking prevalence rates across the various U.S. states and territories; and

23 **WHEREAS**, smokeless tobacco use among adults is more than double the U.S.
24 rate; smokeless tobacco use among Guam's youth is triple the United States rate; and
25 Micronesians have the highest rates of smokeless tobacco consumption; and

1 **WHEREAS**, electronic cigarette use, or “vaping,” is high among Guam’s youth
2 with around one in four (26.5%) high school students, and nearly one in four (23.5%)
3 middle school students reported to be currently using; and among adults, vaping rose
4 markedly between 2018 and 2019; and

5 **WHEREAS**, current alcohol use, binge drinking, and heavy drinking are lower
6 among Guam adults compared to the U.S. rates, and with current and binge drinking
7 among Guam youth increasing until alcohol taxes were increased in 2003; and in
8 addition to this, further reduction was noted in 2011, following passage of the law that
9 raised the minimum legal drinking age; however, current alcohol use has risen in 2019,
10 and Micronesian youth have the highest binge drinking prevalence. Liver cancer, which
11 is directly related to alcohol use, has risen in rank as a major cause of cancer deaths and
12 that alcohol-related arrests comprised eight-point one percent (8.1%) of all arrests
13 cleared in 2020; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 2021, twelve-point six percent (12.6%) of Guam adults reported
15 using marijuana within the past thirty (30) days and that current marijuana use among
16 youth in Guam is markedly higher than among adults with one (1) in four (4) high
17 school students in Guam being a current user of marijuana. Current and lifetime
18 marijuana use among Guam students are higher than the U.S. median. In 2021, ten-
19 point two percent (10.2%) of adults reported illicit drug use other than marijuana. Less
20 than two percent (2%) of adults reported taking prescription drugs that were not
21 prescribed for them. About six percent (6%) of Guam high school students report having
22 tried methamphetamines with nearly fourteen percent (14%) reported using synthetic
23 marijuana and about fifteen-point five percent (15.5%) reported taking a prescription
24 pain medication without a doctor’s prescription. In 2019, about thirty-six percent (36%)
25 of high school youth reported they had been offered, sold, or given an illicit drug on
26 school property; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the “Red Ribbon Campaign” is the largest drug-abuse prevention
2 campaign in the nation and serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities and to educate
3 youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities in response to the
4 murder of Drug Enforcement Administration Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena,
5 communities across the United States began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their
6 commitment to raise awareness of the killing and destruction caused by drugs; and

7 **WHEREAS**, this year’s “Red Ribbon Campaign” theme of “Be Kind to Your
8 Mind. Live Drug Free.TM” submitted by Danielle Helm, a youth service coordinator
9 from Russell County Middle School in Russell Springs, Kentucky, serves as a reminder
10 that every day Americans across the country make significant daily contributions to
11 their communities by being the best they can be because they live drug-free; and each
12 year, Guam joins this worthwhile campaign and renews its pledge to raise awareness of
13 the destruction caused by drugs and alcohol; now therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
15 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
16 of Guam, recognize the observance of “Red Ribbon Month” during the month of
17 October 2023; and commend the various individuals who are participating in the “2023
18 Red Ribbon Campaign” for their continued efforts in preventing drug, tobacco, and
19 alcohol abuse, and for encouraging youth participation in “Red Ribbon Week” during
20 the week of October 23 through October 31, 2023; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
22 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
23 the same be thereafter transmitted to Red Ribbon Campaign Committee; to Daniel L.
24 Perez Elementary School; to the Guam National Guard - Counterdrug Program NCOIC
25 - Drug Demand Reduction Outreach; to the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness

- 1 Center, Oasis Empowerment Center; to Lighthouse Recovery Center; to Sanctuary
2 Incorporated; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 29TH DAY
OF SEPTEMBER 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

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37th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

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	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson					
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	<i>TMT</i>	9/28/23	X		
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member					
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member	E-Vote	9/29/23	X		
Senator William A. Parkinson Member	E-Vote	9/28/23	X		
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member	E-Vote	9/28/23	X		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	E-Vote	9/29/23	X		
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member	E-Vote	9/29/23	X		
Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member	E-Vote	9/29/23	X		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member	E-Vote	9/28/23	X		
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member	E-Vote	9/29/23	X		
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	E-Vote	9/28/23	X		
For Sponsor's Office Use Only					
Sponsor Signature: <i>Therese M. Terlaje</i>					
Staff Contact Person: MARIE CRUZ					
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<u>10</u> Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Marie Crisostomo					
Date: September 29, 2023 at 3:55 p.m.					
Notes:					



Office of the Speaker
THERESE M. TERLAJE

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Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture

September 29, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

Subject: **Notice of Presentation - Resolution No. 200-37 (COR)**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

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The Legislative Resolution will be presented on **Monday, October 2, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., at Daniel L. Perez Elementary School, Yigo, Guam.**

We look forward to your participation.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

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