

**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
205-37 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje	Relative to recognizing the observance of "National Drug-Free Pain Management Awareness Month" during the month of September 2023; and commending the Chiropractic Council of Guam for their continued efforts in promoting chiropractic care and providing access to a drug-free, evidence-based, and primary option for pain management services for the people of Guam.	9/22/23 2:15 p.m.	9/27/23 1:30 p.m.	9/26/23 2:35 p.m.					

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Introduced by:

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 9/27/23
 11:54 am

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

WHEREAS, Guam joins the nation in recognizing the month of September 2023 as "National Drug-Free Pain Management Awareness Month"; and
 WHEREAS, "Drug-Free Pain Management Awareness Month" was officially recognized in 2017; and it is observed annually in September and aims to raise public awareness about the dangers of prescription and over-the-counter pain medication addiction, and the Foundation for Chiropractic Progress (F4CP) plays an active role in promoting this initiative; and

WHEREAS, prescription opioid use and abuse that leads to addiction and catastrophic outcomes remains a national crisis; and the leading cause of injury death in the United States is drug overdose, and a majority of the deaths from drug overdose deaths involved an opioid; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute on Drug Abuse reported that from 1999 to 2020, more than two hundred sixty-three thousand (263,000) Americans have lost their lives to overdoses involving prescription opioids; and overdose deaths involving prescription opioids nearly increased by five (5) times from 1999 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, we are losing one hundred eighty-seven (187) people a day from opioid overdoses and sixty-eight thousand six hundred thirty (68,630) people died from opioid overdoses in the U.S. in 2020 (74.8% of all drug overdose deaths); and

WHEREAS, the total economic burden of prescription opioid misuse alone in the U.S. is estimated to be around Seventy-Eight Point Five (\$78.5) Billion Dollars a year, including the costs of healthcare, lost productivity, addiction treatment, and criminal justice involvement; and

WHEREAS, prescription opioids are often recommended for low back, neck, and musculoskeletal pain management; and over one hundred million (100,000,000) people suffer with chronic pain, and an estimated eighty percent (80%) of all Americans will experience some form of back pain during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, doctors of chiropractic medicine are educated and trained to effectively address spinal and neuromusculoskeletal pain with non-surgical non-drug management; and numerous published studies, including *The Lancet* (March 2018), document spinal manipulation as effective for the management of low back pain; and the *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* (WHO) published recommendations to manage low back pain initially with non-pharmaceutical interventions, such as spinal manipulation (chiropractic adjustments), while avoiding opioids, spinal injections, and surgery; and

WHEREAS, in its efforts to increase the community's access to substance abuse services, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* has provided funding to the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, Guam's only psychiatric hospital, through its annual appropriations since 2020, for its detoxification and rehabilitation services, the Focus on Life Suicide Prevention Program, and the Inpatient Detoxification Program (also known as New Beginnings); in 2019, *I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* (the 35th Guam Legislature) passed Public Law 35-40 that established and funded a pilot program for youth mental health first-aid training for the Guam Department of Education and the Guam Academy Charter Schools personnel to be able to recognize the symptoms of common mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders, de-escalate crisis situations safely, and initiate timely referral to available resources; *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* (the 36th Guam Legislature) passed Public Law 36-64, establishing an opioid recovery trust fund known as the "Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act"; and *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* (the 37th Guam Legislature) passed Public Law 37-2, authorizing law enforcement, first responders, and community organizations to have access to naloxone to prevent opioid overdose, including fentanyl, known as "The Guam Opioid Overdose Prevention Act of 2023," and Public Law 37-27 that further expanded access to opioid antagonists by establishing an access bystander program and requiring co-prescription of opioid antagonists; 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 "National Drug-Free Pain Management Awareness Month" during the month of September 2023; and commend the Chiropractic Council of Guam for their continued efforts in promoting chiropractic care and providing access to a drug-free, evidence-based, and primary option for pain management services for the people of Guam; 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 the Chiropractic Council of Guam; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maqa'hagan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

AMANDA L. SHELTON
 Acting Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
 Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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

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AMANDA L. SHELTON
Acting Speaker



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Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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37th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 205-37 (COR) – Therese M. Terlaje. – “Relative to recognizing the observance of “National Drug-Free Pain Management Awareness Month” during the month of September 2023; and commending the Chiropractic Council of Guam for their continued efforts in promoting chiropractic care and providing access to a drug-free, evidence-based, and primary option for pain management services for the people of Guam.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson	E-VOTE	9/26/2023	X		
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson	E-VOTE	9/26/2023	X		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	<i>TMT</i>	9/26/2023	X		
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member					
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member	E-VOTE	9/26/2023	X		
Senator William A. Parkinson Member	E-VOTE	9/26/2023	X		
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member	E-VOTE	9/26/2023	X		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	E-VOTE	9/26/2023	X		
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member	E-VOTE	9/26/2023	X		
Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member	E-VOTE	9/26/2023	X		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member	E-VOTE	9/26/2023	X		
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member					
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	E-VOTE	9/26/2023	X		
For Sponsor's Office Use Only					
Sponsor Signature: <i>Therese M. Terlaje</i>					
Staff Contact Person: MARIE CRUZ					
For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only					
<u>11</u> Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Joaquin 'Quin' P. Taitague					
Date: September 26, 2023 at 2:35 p.m.					
Notes:					



Office of the Speaker
THERESE M. TERLAJE

I Mina'trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 37th Guam Legislature
Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture

September 26, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*

Subject: **Notice of Presentation - Resolution No. 205-37 (COR)**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

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The Legislative Resolution will be presented on **Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., at the Governor’s Small Conference Room, Adelup.**

Please note that a waiver of the 24-hour Presentation Memo has been granted by the Committee on Rules.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

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