

**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
271-37 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje Sabina Flores Perez Tina Rose Muña Barnes Chris Barnett Frank Blas, Jr. Christopher M. Dueñas Jesse A. Lujan William A. Parkinson Roy A. B. Quinata Joe S. San Agustin Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas Telo T. Taitague	Relative to recognizing Annette Maelene Ada Vasquez for her commitment and dedication to organizing the annual celebration of honoring our island's patron saint " <i>Santa Marian Kamalen</i> " in the state of California for over fifteen (15) years; and commending her for perpetuating the tradition of faith and culture to the <i>Sanlagu CHamorus</i> from the <i>Marianas</i> .	12/7/23 3:03 p.m.	12/21/23 12:00 p.m.	12/12/23 2:21 p.m.					

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Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing Annette Maelene Ada Vasquez for her commitment and dedication to organizing the annual celebration of honoring our island's patron saint "Santa Marian Kamalen" in the state of California for over fifteen (15) years; and commending her for perpetuating the tradition of faith and culture to the Sanlaga CHamorus from the Marianas.

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

WHEREAS, it is the sense of I Liheslaturan Guáhan to recognize the accomplishments of those distinguished citizens of this great island who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of our community and the needs of our people; and

WHEREAS, growing up in Guam, Annette Maelene Ada Vasquez, who is the daughter of Peter Alecxis and Mae Ada, and the eldest of three (3) children, along with her siblings Marie-Andre' and Peter participated in the island-wide procession and the feast celebration of Guam's patron saint Santa Marian Kamalen dressed as angels and her brother as an archangel; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1990s, Annette's father, along with former Senator James H. Underwood II and his wife Ana Torres Underwood, brought a replica of the Santa Marian Kamalen statue to the Providence Saint John I Hospital in Los Angeles, California, after a patient had asked how they could get a Santa Marian Kamalen for the hospital; and it was placed in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) family waiting room where patients and their family as well as visitors could turn to for the strength for healing and recovery. A few years later, another replica of the Santa Marian Kamalen was enshrined in the All Souls Chapel of the Good Samaritan I Hospital in downtown Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Annette, who is a former resident of Barrigada, left Guam and relocated to California and it would be seven (7) years before she was reunited with the patron saint of the Marianas when Ernie Cruz and her parents Peter and Mae Ada established the annual December gathering of CHamorus to celebrate the feast of the Santa Marian Kamalen in the Los Angeles area; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Marian Kamalen was shared and rotated among CHamoru homes in the Los Angeles, California area during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, after a two (2)-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, and after recalling and discussing with her sister Marie-Andre' how their family was deeply involved and active in attending the holy day of obligation on December 8 when they were growing up on Guam, the sisters formed a committee with Annie and Ernie Cruz, Joanne Carbullido, and Richard Modic to begin planning for a Mass and nobena to celebrate the Santa Marian Kamalen event at the All Souls Chapel of the Good Samaritan I Hospital to be held on the first Saturday of December with the desire to share the long-time tradition with young CHamorus who are growing up in the western part of the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Jesusa "Auntie Sue" Benavente Cruz, Joe Benavente Cruz, and former Asan Mayor Joana "Margaret" Blas were an integral part of the organizing process, including Ray Pablo, who built the karova-carriage; the mother-daughter team of Laura and Lauren Alpuche, who stitched the blue fabric for the karova-carriage; Victor Quitugua, who provided the rosary beads from the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica that adorns Santa Marian Kamalen; and Josephine Tedaotao who led the nobenas for the last several years gi fñio CHamoru; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Marian Kamalen statue and devotion was passed down to Annette from her parents as her irenia-inheritance; and it was restored in downtown Los Angeles on December 3, 2022 by a statue restorer who is originally from the Italian region of Sicily; and Santa Marian Kamalen made its debut during a Mass officiated by Pale' Eric Forbes and a nobena in her honor at the Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Gardena, California; and

WHEREAS, while Guam's faithful honor Santa Marian Kamalen every year on December 8, over a hundred CHamorus who live miles away from home, the many patients from Guam who are receiving medical treatment in a California hospital, as well as CHamorus who now reside in the United States mainland, some of which come from as far as Arizona, will continue to gather for the celebration at the All Souls Chapel at the Good Samaritan I Hospital in California annually on the first Saturday of December; and

WHEREAS, the annual celebration has its roots in Annette's father's efforts to bring the comfort of Santa Marian Kamalen to islanders traveling to southern California for medical treatment; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guáhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guáhan and the people of Guam, recognize Annette Maelene Ada Vasquez for her commitment and dedication to organizing the annual celebration of honoring our island's patron saint "Santa Marian Kamalen" in the state of California for over fifteen (15) years; and commending her for perpetuating the tradition of faith and culture to the Sanlaga CHamorus from the Mariana Islands; 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 Annette Maelene Ada Vasquez; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Mago'bagan Guáhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

CHRIS BARNETT
Acting Legislative Secretary



12/20/23
2:38pm

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

Resolution No. 271-37 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing Annette Maelene Ada Vasquez for her commitment and dedication to organizing the annual celebration of honoring our island's patron saint "*Santa Marian Kamalen*" in the state of California for over fifteen (15) years; and commending her for perpetuating the tradition of faith and culture to the *Sanlagu CHamorus* from the *Marianas*.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to recognize the
4 accomplishments of those distinguished citizens of this great island who have devoted

1 themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of our community and the needs of
2 our people; and

3 **WHEREAS**, growing up in Guam, Annette Maelene Ada Vasquez, who is the
4 daughter of Peter Alecxis and Mae Ada, and the eldest of three (3) children, along
5 with her siblings MarieAndre' and Peter participated in the island-wide procession
6 and the feast celebration of Guam's patron saint *Santa Marian Kamalen* dressed as
7 angels and her brother as an archangel; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in the late 1990s, Annette's father, along with former Senator
9 James H. Underwood II and his wife Ana Torres Underwood, brought a replica of the
10 *Santa Marian Kamalen* statue to the Providence Saint John Hospital in Los Angeles,
11 California, after a patient had asked how they could get a *Santa Marian Kamalen* for
12 the hospital; and it was placed in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) family waiting room
13 where patients and their family as well as visitors could turn to for the strength for
14 healing and recovery. A few years later, another replica of the *Santa Marian Kamalen*
15 was enshrined in the All Souls Chapel of the Good Samaritan Hospital in downtown
16 Los Angeles; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in 2000, Annette, who is a former resident of *Barrigada*, left
18 Guam and relocated to California and it would be seven (7) years before she was
19 reunited with the patron saint of the *Marianas* when Ernie Cruz and her parents Peter
20 and Mae Ada established the annual December gathering of *CHamorus* to celebrate
21 the feast of the *Santa Marian Kamalen* in the Los Angeles area; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the *Santa Marian Kamalen* was shared and rotated among
23 *CHamoru* homes in the Los Angeles, California area during the pandemic; and

24 **WHEREAS**, after a two (2)-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic
25 restrictions, and after recalling and discussing with her sister MarieAndre' how their
26 family was deeply involved and active in attending the holy day of obligation on

1 December 8 when they were growing up on Guam, the sisters formed a committee
2 with Annie and Ernie Cruz, Joanne Carbullido, and Richard Modic to begin planning
3 for a Mass and *nobena* to celebrate the *Santa Marian Kamalen* event at the All Souls
4 Chapel of the Good Samaritan Hospital to be held on the first Saturday of December
5 with the desire to share the long-time tradition with young *CHamorus* who are
6 growing up in the western part of the U.S.; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Jesusa “Auntie Sue” Benavente Cruz, Joe Benavente Cruz, and
8 former Asan Mayor Joana “Margaret” Blas were an integral part of the organizing
9 process, including Ray Pablo, who built the *karosa*-carriage; the mother-daughter
10 team of Laura and Lauren Alpuche, who stitched the blue fabric for the *karosa*-
11 carriage; Victor Quitugua, who provided the rosary beads from the Dulce Nombre de
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13 Tedtaotao who led the *nobenas* for the last several years *gi fiño CHamoru*; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the *Santa Marian Kamalen* statue and devotion was passed down
15 to Annette from her parents as her *irensia*-inheritance; and it was restored in
16 downtown Los Angeles on December 3, 2022 by a statue restorer who is originally
17 from the Italian region of Sicily; and *Santa Marian Kamalen* made its debut during a
18 Mass officiated by *Pale’* Eric Forbes and a *nobena* in her honor at the Saint Anthony
19 of Padua Catholic Church in Gardenia, California; and

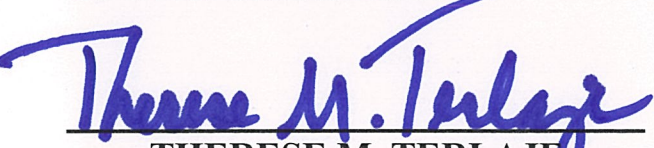
20 **WHEREAS**, while Guam’s faithful honor *Santa Marian Kamalen* every year
21 on December 8, over a hundred *CHamorus* who live miles away from home, the many
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24 come from as far as Arizona, will continue to gather for the celebration at the All
25 Souls Chapel at the Good Samaritan Hospital in California annually on the first
26 Saturday of December; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the annual celebration has its roots in Annette’s father’s efforts to
2 bring the comfort of *Santa Marian Kamalen* to islanders traveling to southern
3 California for medical treatment; now therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
6 of Guam, recognize Annette Maelene Ada Vasquez for her commitment and
7 dedication to organizing the annual celebration of honoring our island’s patron saint
8 “*Santa Marian Kamalen*” in the state of California for over fifteen (15) years; and
9 commending her for perpetuating the tradition of faith and culture to the *Sanlagu*
10 *CHamorus* from the *Mariana Islands*; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
12 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
13 the same be thereafter transmitted to Annette Maelene Ada Vasquez; and to the
14 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 12TH DAY
OF DECEMBER 2023.**



THERESE M. TERLAJE
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Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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COMMITTEE ON RULES

Chris Barnett, Chairperson, Committee on Rules

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

37th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 271-37 (COR) - Therese M. Terlaje, Sabina Flores Perez, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Chris Barnett, Frank Blas, Jr., Christopher M. Dueñas, Jesse A. Lujan, William A. Parkinson, Roy A. B. Quinata, Joe S. San Agustin, Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas, Telo T. Taitague. - "Relative to recognizing Annette Maelene Ada Vasquez for her commitment and dedication to organizing the annual celebration of honoring our island's patron saint "Santa Marian Kamalen" in the state of California for over fifteen (15) years; and commending her for perpetuating the tradition of faith and culture to the *Sanlago CHamorus* from the *Marianas*."

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson	E-Vote	12/12/23	X		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	<i>TMT</i>	12/11/23	X		
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member					
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member	E-Vote	12/12/23	X		
Senator William A. Parkinson Member					
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member	E-Vote	12/12/23	X		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	E-Vote	12/12/23	X		
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member	E-Vote	12/12/23	X		
Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member	E-Vote	12/12/23	X		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member	E-Vote	12/11/23	X		
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member	E-Vote	12/12/23			X
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	E-Vote	12/12/23	X		
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Sponsor Signature: <i>Therese M Terlaje</i>					
Staff Contact Person: Marie Cruz					
For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only					
<u>10</u> Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Marie Crisostomo					
Date: December 12, 2023 at 2:21 p.m.					
Notes:					



Office of the Speaker
THERESE M. TERLAJE

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Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture

December 20, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*

Subject: **Notice of Presentation - Resolution No. 271-37 (COR)**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of Resolution No. 271-37 (COR) - **“Relative to recognizing Annette Maelene Ada Vasquez for her commitment and dedication to organizing the annual celebration of honoring our island’s patron saint “*Santa Marian Kamalen*” in the state of California for over fifteen (15) years; and commending her for perpetuating the tradition of faith and culture to the *Sanlagu CHamorus* from the Marianas.”**

Resolution No. 271-37 (COR) will be presented on **Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 12:00 p.m., at the Guam Congress Building, Public Hearing Room.**

We look forward to your participation.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

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