

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
290-37 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje	Relative to recognizing the observance of “ <i>National Stalking Awareness Month</i> ” and “ <i>National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month</i> ” during the month of January 2024; and commending the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence, community victim advocates, and individuals who support the victims of stalking and human trafficking, and who raise awareness on the issues of stalking and human trafficking.	1/10/24 10:45 a.m.	1/14/24 10:30 a.m.	1/12/24 8:00 a.m.					

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Introduced by:

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

WHEREAS, January 2024 marks the twentieth (20th) annual "National Stalking Awareness Month," which is an annual call to action to recognize and respond to the serious crime of stalking; and

WHEREAS, under the laws of all fifty (50) U.S. states, its territories, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. federal government, stalking is a dangerous, prevalent, and traumatic crime as one (1) in five (5) stalkers use weapons to hurt or threaten their victims, and this can render psychological distress and loss of productivity; and

WHEREAS, stalking is a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for their safety or the safety of others, or suffer substantial emotional distress; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2016-2017 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey on stalking, it is reported that one (1) in three (3) women, and one (1) in six (6) men will experience stalking at some point in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, according to the Guam Police Department statistics, there were eighty-six (86) victims of stalking in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence has been proactive in providing the necessary resources through educational campaigns and awareness outreaches; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence hosted a "2023 KNOW MORE Webinar Series - Addressing the Dynamics of Stalking" engaging our community on topics such as responding to stalking and risk assessment, the use of technology to stalk, and the prosecution in stalking cases and intersection to human trafficking, and stalking education and school awareness; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence joins forces with victim service providers and advocates, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout our island community and the United States to observe "National Stalking Awareness Month;" and

WHEREAS, January 2024 also marks the fourteenth (14th) annual "National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month" which is dedicated to raising awareness of the different forms of human trafficking, including modern slavery, and educating individuals in identifying and responding to human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking continues to be an ongoing crisis and it persists in various forms; and it is a threat to global security, public safety, and human dignity, to include victims who are members of racial and ethnic minorities, women and girls, the LGBTQI+ community, and migrants; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, by Presidential Proclamation, the first declaration of January as "National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month" took place, and every January since then, it has been declared as such; and "National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month" has brought forth significant national efforts to combat modern slavery and human trafficking, such as: the first convening of the U.S. State Department's largest anti-trafficking program, the Program to End Modern Slavery, in 2017; and a whole-of-government website on human trafficking implementation as part of the 2020 Executive Order on Combating Human Trafficking and Online Child Exploitation; and

WHEREAS, also in 2010, the United Nations (U.N.) General Assembly adopted the U.N. Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, commonly referred to as the "Palermo Protocol"; and the protocol's purpose is intended to balance the prevention of trafficking, the protection of the victims, and the prosecution of the traffickers; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a public health issue and is a crime that exploits the most vulnerable among us; and it weakens the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities across generations; and

WHEREAS, more than twenty (20) years since the passing of the "Trafficking Victims Protection Act," human trafficking still exists, to include the forced or fraudulent recruitment, harboring, or transportation of people for labor or commercial sex purposes; and an estimated 27.6 million people are subjected to human trafficking globally, including cases of human trafficking reported in every U.S. state and territory; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking can happen to anyone, but certain populations are disproportionately at risk, including people affected by abuse, violence, poverty, unstable living situations, social disconnection, or discrimination; and

WHEREAS, people can be trafficked in person and online to be used in industries such as restaurants, domestic work, construction, agriculture, and factories; and by strangers or someone they know, including employers, partners, and family members; and

WHEREAS, although Guam does not have current statistics of human trafficking, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reported ten (10) cases of potential persons trafficked in Guam from December 2012 to December 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence continues to be an active community organization that aims to raise awareness on issues such as stalking and human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, I Liheslaturan Guåhan applauds the efforts of the many victim service providers and advocates, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, national and community organizations, and private sector supporters for their efforts in promoting awareness about stalking and human trafficking; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Minatrentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, recognize the observance of "National Stalking Awareness Month" and "National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month" during the month of January 2024; and commend the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence, community victim advocates, and individuals who support the victims of stalking and human trafficking, and who raise awareness on the issues of stalking and human trafficking; 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 Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Maga'ågan Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 12TH DAY OF JANUARY 2024.

Therese M. Terlaje
 THERESE M. TERLAJE
 Speaker

Chris Barnett
 CHRIS BARNETT
 Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Amanda L. Shelton
 AMANDA L. SHELTON
 Legislative Secretary

11/2/24 4:47pm



I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

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2 of Columbia, and the U.S. federal government, stalking is a dangerous, prevalent, and
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4 victims, and this can render psychological distress and loss of productivity; and

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**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 12TH DAY
OF JANUARY 2024.**



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. 290-37 (COR) - Therese M. Terlaje. - "Relative to recognizing the observance of "National Stalking Awareness Month" and "National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month" during the month of January 2024; and commending the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence, community victim advocates, and individuals who support the victims of stalking and human trafficking, and who raise awareness on the issues of stalking and human trafficking."

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson	E-Vote	01/11/2024	√		
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson	E-Vote	01/11/2024	√		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	<i>TMT</i>	01/11/2024	√		
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member					
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member	E-Vote	01/11/2024	√		
Senator William A. Parkinson Member					
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member	E-Vote	01/11/2024	√		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	E-Vote	01/11/2024	√		
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member	E-Vote	01/11/2024	√		
Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member	E-Vote	01/11/2024	√		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member	E-Vote	01/11/2024	√		
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member					
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	E-Vote	01/11/2024	√		

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Sponsor Signature: *Therese M. Terlaje*

Staff Contact Person: **Marie Cruz**

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10 Certified _____ Returned

Name: Marie Crisostomo

Date: January 12, 2024 at 8:00 a.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

January 12, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*

Subject: **Notice of Presentation - Resolution No. 290-37 (COR)**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of Resolution No. 290-37 (COR) - Therese M. Terlaje – **“Relative to recognizing the observance of “National Stalking Awareness Month” and “National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month” during the month of January 2024; and commending the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence, community victim advocates, and individuals who support the victims of stalking and human trafficking, and who raise awareness on the issues of stalking and human trafficking.”**

Resolution No. 290-37 (COR) will be presented on **Sunday, January 14, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., Micronesia Mall Center Court, Dededo, Guam.**

We look forward to your participation.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

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