

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
302-37 (COR)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes	Relative to recognizing the members of Autism Community Together (ACT) on their Twentieth (20th) Year Anniversary; and commending them for their tireless work in supporting individuals with autism and their families, and for bringing awareness of autism on Guam.	1/19/24 4:59 p.m.	1/27/24 10:00 a.m.	1/25/24 8:40 a.m.					

Resolution No. 302-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

Tina Rose Anna Barnes

Chris Barnett	Sabrina Flores Perez
Frank Mac, Jr	Ric V B Quinata
Joanne Benson	Jose S. San Agustin
Christopher M. Daenas	Dwayne J.D. San Nicolas
Thomas J. Fisher	Amanda L. Shelton
Jesse A. Lujan	Telo J. Tattague
William A. Parkinson	Therese M. Terlaje



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

WHEREAS, one (1) in forty-four (44) children are identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Autism Developmental Disabilities Monitoring network. Autism can affect any family, and often a support network is important to maintaining a high quality of life for individuals with autism and their families; and

WHEREAS, with a strong sense of community responsibility, Rindraty Celes Limtiaco, the late Travis Coffman, and Evelyn San Agustin-Claros led the efforts to form the Autism Community Together (ACT) nonprofit organization on Guam in January 2004; and the organization was founded as a support group for families with autistic children and adults on the island of Guam; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as a support group for members, ACT is an invaluable voice for the autism community in Guam. The advocacy of their members at legislative public hearings and roundtables, and the town halls held by the Guam Department of Education, has helped to shape the policy landscape in promoting inclusivity, accessibility, and equal opportunities for individuals with autism and their families; and their continued efforts to push initiatives like ABLE savings accounts and job coaches ensures that individuals with autism can participate meaningfully in our society; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, ACT has organized numerous events, campaigns, and initiatives to raise awareness about autism, dispel myths, and foster a greater understanding of the diverse needs and abilities of individuals with autism; and

WHEREAS, a crucial part of ACT's outreach is their annual "Autism Awareness Fair" that is held every April during "Autism Awareness Month," which showcases the talents of individuals with autism, as well as serving as a central resource of information for the public to better understand autism; and

WHEREAS, throughout the year, ACT hosts family days with members of the autism community to build a stronger community with one another; and movie nights, painting events, and bowling are some of the activities enjoyed by their members; and

WHEREAS, Autism Community Together celebrates twenty (20) years since its founding in 2004, and the outstanding efforts of ACT have significantly contributed to breaking down barriers and reducing the stigma of autism; and ACT further fosters a more compassionate and accepting society that includes individuals with autism; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guahan and the people of Guam, recognize the members of Autism Community Together (ACT) on their Twentieth (20th) Year Anniversary; and commend them for their tireless work in supporting individuals with autism and their families, and bringing awareness of autism on 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 Rindraty Celes Limtiaco, the family of the late Travis Coffman, Evelyn San Agustin-Claros, and the members of Autism Community Together (ACT); and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Maga'Inagan Guahan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 25TH 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



Alan Capel
WJ 1:49pm 1/26/24

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

Resolution No. 302-37 (COR)

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17 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 25TH 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 Guahan

37th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 302-37 (COR) – Tina Rose Muña Barnes. – “Relative to recognizing the members of Autism Community Together (ACT) on their Twentieth (20th) Year Anniversary; and commending them for their tireless work in supporting individuals with autism and their families, and for bringing awareness of autism on Guam.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson	e-vote	1/24/24	✓		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member					
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member	✗	1/24/24	✓		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member	e-vote	1/24/24	✓		
Senator William A. Parkinson Member	e-vote	1/24/24	✓		
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member	e-vote	1/24/24	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	e-vote	1/24/24	✓		
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member	e-vote	1/24/24	✓		
Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member	e-vote	1/24/24	✓		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member	e-vote	1/24/24	✓		
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member	e-vote	1/24/24	✓		
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	e-vote	1/24/24	✓		
For Sponsor's Office Use Only					
Sponsor Signature: 					
Staff Contact Person: Alan Cepeda					
For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only					
__ 11 __ Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Joven Aguon					
Date: January 25, 2024 at 8:40 a.m.					
Notes:					



Office of the Vice Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

37th Guam Legislature

January 25, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators
37th Guam Legislature

From: Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

Subject: Presentation of Resolution No. 302-37 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of **Resolution No. 302-37 (COR)** – Tina Rose Muña Barnes. – “Relative to recognizing the members of Autism Community Together (ACT) on their Twentieth (20th) Year Anniversary; and commending them for their tireless work in supporting individuals with autism and their families, and for bringing awareness of autism on Guam.”

The presentation will take place during the Autism Community Together Annual Membership Meeting on **Saturday, January 27, 2024 beginning at 10AM at the Westin Resort Guam.**

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!