

**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
328-37 (COR)	Amanda L. Shelton Tina Rose Muña Barnes Roy A. B. Quinata Jesse A. Lujan Telo T. Taitague William A. Parkinson Christopher M. Dueñas Therese M. Terlaje Frank Blas, Jr. Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas Joe S. San Agustin Joanne Brown Chris Barnett Sabina Flores Perez Thomas J. Fisher	Relative to recognizing the Autism Community Together (ACT) for its efforts to promote autism awareness and provide support to families on the observance of Autism Awareness Month during April 2024, with this year's theme: "Embrace Their Possibilities - Autism Strong!;" and commending the members of ACT, and the families and caregivers of all persons with autism spectrum disorders for their unconditional love and dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, family members, and friends.	2/26/24 10:26 a.m.	4/10/24 5:30 p.m.	4/5/24 3:38 p.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 GUÁHAN:

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder, or ASD, is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of a child's life and affects their ability to communicate and interact with others; there is no single cause for ASD, but increased awareness and funding can help families today; and

WHEREAS, a specific set of behaviors defines autism and is a "spectrum disorder" that affects individuals differently, to varying degrees, and it knows no racial, ethnic, or social boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network found that one in 36 children were identified with ASD based on tracking across multiple areas of the United States. This same data revealed some characteristics of children with ASD have remained the same, and boys were almost four (4) times more likely to be identified with ASD than girls. Today, one in 25 boys and one in 100 girls, or one in 36 children, will be diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders; and more children are diagnosed with ASD than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes, and pediatric aids combined; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. CDC reports the likelihood of a school-aged child receiving a diagnosis of Autism or a related developmental disorder has risen more than 70% since 2012. The report also stated roughly one in 36 children in the nation are diagnosed with autism today, a rise from one in 1,000 in 1980; and

WHEREAS, on average, autism costs an estimated \$60,000 a year through childhood, with the bulk of the costs in special services and lost wages related to increased demands on one or both parents. Costs increase with the occurrence of intellectual disability. The cost of caring for Americans with autism had reached \$268 billion in 2015 and would rise to \$461 billion by 2025 in the absence of more effective interventions and support across the lifespan; and

WHEREAS, caring for a child with ASD can place a heavy economic burden on families and communities. The ADDM Network estimates that it costs at least \$17,000 more per year to care for a child with ASD as compared to a child without ASD. Costs include health care, education, AD-related therapy, family-coordinated services, and caregiver time. Taken together, it is estimated that the total societal costs of caring for children with ASD was more than \$11.5 Billion in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the latest report from the U.S. CDC finds that 1.47% of 8-year-old children have autism. Extrapolating this rate to all people with autism puts costs at roughly \$358 Billion in 2015 and \$616 Billion in 2025. Assuming autism rates will continue to climb, as they have over the past few years, lifts the 2025 estimate to more than \$1 Trillion; and

WHEREAS, a quarter century ago, a nationwide effort was launched to promote autism awareness, inclusion, and self-determination for all and ensure that each person with ASD is provided with the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life; and this year, the Autism Society wants to go beyond simply promoting autism awareness by encouraging friends and collaborators to become partners in the movement towards acceptance and appreciation; and

WHEREAS, parents and family members, support groups, researchers, and professionals have dedicated years of service in their ongoing efforts to advocate for the rights, respect, dignity, humane treatment, and appropriate education of all persons with autism and to highlight the growing need for concern and awareness about autism, the Autism Community Together, or ACT, of Guam, is celebrating "Autism Awareness Month" during April 2024, and this year's theme is "Embrace Their Possibilities - Autism Strong!;" and

WHEREAS, the Autism Community Together, which was formed in January 2004, has continued to spearhead an awareness effort to educate parents, professionals, and the general public about autism and its effects; and, various activities are being coordinated throughout April 2024 to further these goals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee of Rules of I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guahan and the people of Guam, recognize the Autism Community Together (ACT) for its efforts to promote autism awareness and provide support to families on the observance of Autism Awareness Month during April 2024, with this year's theme: "Embrace Their Possibilities - Autism Strong!;" and commend the members of ACT, and the families and caregivers of all persons with autism spectrum disorders for their unconditional love and dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, family members, and friends; 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 Ms. Josephine M.P. Blas, President, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Kristal K. Flores, Vice-President, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Maydelene C. Ganan-Flores, Treasurer, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Doria Cruz, Secretary, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Evelyn San Agustin-Claros, Board Member, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Anggelica Sarmiento, Board Member, Autism Community Together; to Joanne Zanoni, Board Member, Autism Community Together; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Mags'haigan Guahan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 5TH DAY OF APRIL 2024.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



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10:24 am
9/9/24

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

Resolution No. 328-37 (COR)

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1 their ability to communicate and interact with others; there is no single cause for ASD,
2 but increased awareness and funding can help families today; and

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4 disorder” that affects individuals differently, to varying degrees, and it knows no racial,
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7 Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network found that one in 36 children were
8 identified with ASD based on tracking across multiple areas of the United States. This
9 same data revealed some characteristics of children with ASD have remained the same,
10 and boys were almost four (4) times more likely to be identified with ASD than girls.
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12 with autism spectrum disorders; and more children are diagnosed with ASD than
13 childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes, and pediatric aids combined; and

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15 receiving a diagnosis of Autism or a related developmental disorder has risen more than
16 70% since 2012. The report also stated roughly one in 36 children in the nation are
17 diagnosed with autism today, a rise from one in 1,000 in 1980; and

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19 childhood, with the bulk of the costs in special services and lost wages related to
20 increased demands on one or both parents. Costs increase with the occurrence of
21 intellectual disability. The cost of caring for Americans with autism had reached \$268
22 billion in 2015 and would rise to \$461 billion by 2025 in the absence of more effective
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22 2004, has continued to spearhead an awareness effort to educate parents, professionals,
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25 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee of Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
26 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
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11 Together; to Ms. Maydelene C. Ganan-Flores, Treasurer, Autism Community Together;
12 to Ms. Doria Cruz, Secretary, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Evelyn San
13 Agustin-Claros, Board Member, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Anngelica
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15 Member, Autism Community Together; and the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero,
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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	E-Vote	2/27/24	✓		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	E-Vote	2/27/24	✓		
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member					
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member	<i>Ashelton</i>	2/27/24	✓		
Senator William A. Parkinson Member	E-Vote	2/27/24	✓		
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member	E-Vote	2/27/24	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	E-Vote	2/28/24	✓		
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member	E-Vote	2/28/24	✓		
Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member	E-Vote	2/28/24	✓		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member	E-Vote	2/27/24	✓		
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member					
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	E-Vote	2/27/24	✓		

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Sponsor Signature: *Amanda L. Shelton*

Staff Contact Person: Jay Milan

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Name: Kein R. Artero

Date: April 5, 2024 at 3:38 p.m.

Notes:



Office of Senator

AMANDA L. SHELTON

Legislative Secretary & Chairwoman


Committee on Maritime and Air Transportation, Parks, Tourism, Higher Education, and the Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens

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April 8, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators
37th Guam Legislature

From: Senator Amanda L. Shelton 

Re: Presentation Notice for Resolution No. 328-37 (COR)

Buenas yan Háfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of: **Resolution No. 328-37 (COR)** – Amanda L. Shelton, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Roy A. B. Quinata, Jesse A. Lujan, Telo T. Taitague, William A. Parkinson, Christopher M. Dueñas, Therese M. Terlaje, Frank Blas, Jr., Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas, Joe S. San Agustin, Joanne Brown, Chris Barnett, Sabina Flores Perez, Thomas J. Fisher. – “Relative to recognizing the Autism Community Together (ACT) for its efforts to promote autism awareness and provide support to families on the observance of Autism Awareness Month during April 2024, with this year’s theme: “*Embrace Their Possibilities - Autism Strong!*” ;and commending the members of ACT, and the families and caregivers of all persons with autism spectrum disorders for their unconditional love and dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, family members, and friends.”

The presentation will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., at the Front Steps of the Guam Congress Building.

We look forward to your participation and attendance.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'.

