

**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
347-37 (COR)	Amanda L. Shelton Tina Rose Muña Barnes Therese M. Terlaje Sabina Flores Perez Telo T. Taitague Joanne Brown	Relative to recognizing the observance of <i>Women's History Month</i> during March 2024 as a time to celebrate the achievements and vision of women whose work paved the way towards a world free of inequality and violence; and commending the great women of Guam whose historical contributions and achievements continue to pave the way toward progress and success for all our people.	3/12/24 2:18 p.m.	3/22/24 11:00 a.m.	3/18/24 4:24 p.m.					

Resolution No. 347-37 (COR)

Introduced by

Amanda J. Shelton	William A. Parkinson
Clay Barnett	Salma Flores Perez
Frank Blas, Jr.	Roy A.B. Gumata
Jeanne Brown	Jose S. San Agustin
Christopher M. Duertes	Dwayne J.D. San Nicolas
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, on Guam, *CHamorro* society is traditionally matrilineal, whereby land and resources were passed through maternal lines of inheritance; and

WHEREAS, women on Guam lead in all facets of society and all the primary professions and businesses, and they are politically engaged and active in the church and community; and

WHEREAS, these extraordinary women of Guam are tied to *CHamorro* values and encourage future generations to fight for progress on Guam and around the world on issues such as gender equality, climate change, affordable health care, and better educational and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 1980, U.S. President Jimmy Carter issued a Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as the first (1st) *National Women's History Week*, honoring and recognizing the contributions of women throughout American history; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, the U.S. Congress then designated the month of March to be observed as *Women's History Month*; and since 1988, U.S. Presidents have issued annual proclamations designating the month of March as *Women's History Month*; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Guam made history in having the most women serving in all three (3) branches of the government of Guam, with voters electing the island's first (1st) female Governor of Guam, a majority of women members serving in the Guam Legislature, and a female Chief Justice of Guam, as well as a female Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Thirty-fourth (34th) Guam Youth Congress elected Lily A. Vinch to serve as its Speaker, continuing the line of female speakers in the Guam Youth Congress; and

WHEREAS, during *Women's History Month*, Guam celebrates the remarkable women locally, nationally, and globally who have overcome barriers and paved the way for women to not only participate in our government but also to lead and shape the lives of others and communities in positive ways; and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* has adopted numerous resolutions recognizing *Women's History Month* and *International Women's Day*; and the equal rights and inherent human dignity of women are enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, March 8 is recognized throughout the world as "*International Women's Day*," a day for all people to celebrate the gifts of diversity while embracing the values of equality, and for women worldwide to continue contributing to social, economic, cultural, and political achievements; and it is a time to reflect on the progress made, to call for change, and to celebrate the acts of courage and determination by women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 *Women's History Month* theme, which was selected and published by the National Women's History Alliance, is "*Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion*," which recognizes women throughout the country who understand that, for a positive future, we need to eliminate bias and discrimination from our lives and institutions; and

WHEREAS, women from every background have long recognized that an uneven playing field will never bring equality or justice, and many feel the critical need to speak up and work harder for fairness in our institutions and social interactions; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the example of women who are committed to embracing everyone and excluding no one in our common quest for freedom and opportunity; and throughout 2024, we honor local women from the past and in the present who have taken the lead to show the importance of change and to establish firmer safeguards, practices, and legislation reflecting these values following decades of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, women's work is constantly being redefined, and today, women have the power to change the destiny of a family, neighborhood, village, our island, this nation, and our world; and

WHEREAS, women's rights are human rights, a fundamental knowledge everyone should recognize; and despite the advancements of women on Guam and in the United States, much remains to be done to ensure that women realize their full potential as equal members of society; and

WHEREAS, our island is honored and blessed to have such inspiring women who tirelessly devote themselves to the overall advancement of our community through programs that empower girls and young women to value themselves highly and strive to be the best in their pursuits and fight through solidarity to erase mistreatment, exploitation, and trafficking of women around the world, 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 *Women's History Month* during March 2024 as a time to celebrate the achievements and vision of women whose work paved the way towards a world free of inequality and violence; and commend the great women of Guam whose historical contributions and achievements continue to pave the way toward progress and success for all our people; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the varying women's organizations of the Guam Council of Women's Clubs: the Association of American University Women, the Chinese Ladies Association of Guam, the Filipino Ladies Association of Guam, the Guam Latte Stone Lions Club, the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association, the Guam Women's Club, the International Women's Club of Guam, the Japan Club of Guam, the Korean Women's Association of Guam, the National Association of Women in Construction, the Rigalu Foundation, the Palau Women's Club of Guam, the Soroptimist International of Guam, the Soroptimist International of the Marianas, the Platinum Lions Club, the Tiffany Lions Club, and the Guam Diamond Lions Club; to the Bureau of Women's Affairs; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Mangilhagan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 18TH DAY OF MARCH 2024.

Therese M. Terlaje
 THERESE M. TERLAJE
 Speaker

Chris Barnett
 CHRIS BARNETT
 Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Amanda L. Shelton
 AMANDA L. SHELTON
 Legislative Secretary



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

Resolution No. 347-37 (COR)

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25 Hospital Volunteers Association, the Guam Women's Club, the International Women's
26 Club of Guam, the Japan Club of Guam, the Korean Women's Association of Guam,

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2 Women’s Club of Guam, the Soroptimist International of Guam, the Soroptimist
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OF MARCH 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. 347-37 (COR) – Amanda L. Shelton, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Therese M. Terlaje, Sabina Flores Perez, Telo T. Taitague, Joanne Brown. – “Relative to recognizing the observance of *Women’s History Month* during March 2024 as a time to celebrate the achievements and vision of women whose work paved the way towards a world free of inequality and violence; and commending the great women of Guam whose historical contributions and achievements continue to pave the way toward progress and success for all our people.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson	evote	3/18/24	✓		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member					
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member	evote	3/18/24	✓		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member	<i>Amanda Shelton</i>	3/18/24	✓		
Senator William A. Parkinson Member	evote	3/18/24	✓		
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	evote	3/18/24	✓		
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member	evote	3/18/24	✓		
Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member	evote	3/18/24	✓		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member					
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member					
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	evote	3/18/24	✓		
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Sponsor Signature: <i>Amanda Shelton</i>					
Staff Contact Person: Jay Milan					
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8 Certified _____ Returned _____					
Name: Marie Crisostomo					
Date: March 18, 2024 at 4:24 p.m.					
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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

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan • 37th Guam Legislature

March 18, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators

37th Guam Legislature

From: Senator Amanda L. Shelton

Re: Presentation Notice for Resolution No. 347-37 (COR).

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of **Resolution No. 347-37 (COR) - Amanda L. Shelton / Tina Rose Muña Barnes / Therese M. Terlaje / Sabina Flores Perez / Telo T. Taitague / Joanne Brown** – “Relative to recognizing the observance of Women’s History Month during March 2024 as a time to celebrate the achievements and vision of women whose work paved the way towards a world free of inequality and violence; and commending the great women of Guam whose historical contributions and achievements continue to pave the way toward progress and success for all our people.”

The resolution will be presented on **Friday, March 22, 2024, at 11:00 A.M., at the Government House in Agana Heights.**

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'

