

**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
352-37 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje Sabina Flores Perez Chris Barnett Joanne Brown Jesse A. Lujan Frank Blas, Jr. Tina Rose Muña Barnes Christopher M. Dueñas William A. Parkinson Roy A. B. Quinata Joe S. San Agustin Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas Amanda L. Shelton Telo T. Taitague	Relative to recognizing Jennifer Lynn L. Cruz for serving the people of Guam and strengthening healthy relationships in our island community; and congratulating her as the recipient of the "2024 National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Guam Chapter Social Worker of the Year Award."	3/13/24 11:43 a.m.	3/15/24 7:30 p.m.	3/13/24 5:12 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 GUAHAN*:

WHEREAS, the "Social Worker of the Year Award" honors a member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Guam Chapter who exemplifies the best of the profession's values and achievements through specific accomplishments and in honoring the Social Worker of the Year, the NASW Guam Chapter highlights superb accomplishments in the practice of social work; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Lynn L. Cruz is the daughter of James Lujan and Loretta Cruz, married to Phillip Cruz and a mother of three (3) children: Haley, Mla, and Felipe; and

WHEREAS, the "2023 NASW Guam Chapter Social Worker of the Year Award" recipient is Jennifer Lynn L. Cruz. She is the Social Services Supervisor at the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) with the Community Support Services Division (CSS). This outpatient program provides intensive aftercare support and advocacy to long-term, seriously mentally ill adults and their families in the community. She is a student with the University of Hawaii at Manoa Distance Education Program pursuing her Masters in Social Work and is completing her practicum with the Child Adolescent Services Division, *I Famag'on-ia'*, which provides integrated, community-based outpatient services for children-adolescents who are at an elevated risk and those with severe emotional disturbances and their families; and

WHEREAS, she began her career in Social Work at the University of Guam, where she served as a student intern with the Bureau of Social Services Administration - Child Protective Services. Her unwavering tenacity and resolute determination propelled her to earn her Bachelor of Social Work degree during her final trimester of pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Jennifer Lynn became a Case Manager at Sanctuary, Incorporated of Guam Co-Ed Emergency Shelter at *Sagan Linala* Transitional Living Program. She worked with youth ages sixteen (16) to twenty-two (22) experiencing homelessness, abuse, neglect, and hardship. Jennifer Lynn aimed to help them achieve independence and self-sufficiency to prevent long-term dependency on social services; and

WHEREAS, her journey led her to *I Famag'on-ia'*, the next phase in her social work path, where she worked as a Social Worker III with children ages five (5) to seventeen (17) with severe emotional disturbance and their families for over eight (8) years; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Lynn played a vital role in creating *I Famag'on-ia'*'s manual for the Commission on Accreditation Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). While balancing her role as a wife, mother, and Social Worker, she also served as the Vice President of Youth Enhancement Support (YES), a non-profit organization that supports systems of care dealing with children and adolescents; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, she assumed the role of supervisor and provided guidance and leadership to a team of eighteen (18) direct staff members who served a diverse population, and she shines in her role as supervisor, in which her duties include case consultation, individual supervision, staff meetings, and peer review. She encourages and supports her staff with positive feedback and recognition of their accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Lynn's strength and leadership skills create a safe and calm space, which makes it possible for her staff to conduct the all-consuming, demanding, and challenging work they face without exception. Her team has confidence in her to navigate them effectively in the right direction and provide unequivocal support to excel in their work; and

WHEREAS, she has worked consistently and tirelessly at going beyond her duties with the utmost professionalism, integrity, and compassion for the people of Guam, and the quality of work and service delivery she upholds is ambitious and exemplary; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Lynn has been instrumental in crafting the workflow from the initial client encounter of GBHWC, facilitating comprehensive assessment and service qualification. She is a member of the supervisor team on rotation, facilitating the daily clinical treatment team meetings, which plays a critical role in the timely access to services for individuals seeking treatment with GBHWC; she leads the efforts in the "Housing First" initiative that funds permanent supportive housing for GBHWC clients, and contributed to the grant writing team for Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness Mental Health Block Grant and Crisis Counseling Program grant, which fund the delivery of outreach and services to people with serious mental illness who experience or are at risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, her steadfast commitment and diligence allow her to connect with clients, colleagues, and staff on familiar terms with genuineness and empathy. She inspires others with her visionary thinking and innovative ideas, and she consistently embodies the NASW Code of Ethics and Values principles throughout her work, and she collaborates with others, inspiring those she partners with, and our community is fortunate to have her as an agent of change; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Lynn is an inspiration and an excellent example of a model social worker and that *I Liheslaturan Guahan* recognizes exemplary individuals and organizations that significantly contribute to the island of Guam; 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 Jennifer Lynn L. Cruz for serving the people of Guam and strengthening healthy relationships in our island community; and congratulate her as the recipient of the "2024 National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Guam Chapter Social Worker of the Year Award," 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 Jennifer Lynn L. Cruz; to the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Guam Chapter; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Mags'biagan Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN* ON THE 13TH DAY OF MARCH 2024.


THERESE M. TERLAJA
Speaker


CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules


AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



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3/15/24

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

Resolution No. 352-37 (COR)

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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. 352-37 (COR) – Therese M. Terlaje, Sabina Flores Perez, Chris Barnett, Joanne Brown, Jesse A. Lujan, Frank Blas, Jr., Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Christopher M. Dueñas, William A. Parkinson, Roy A. B. Quinata, Joe S. San Agustin, Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas, Amanda L. Shelton, Telo T. Taitague. – “Relative to recognizing Jennifer Lynn L. Cruz for serving the people of Guam and strengthening healthy relationships in our island community; and congratulating her as the recipient of the ‘2024 National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Guam Chapter Social Worker of the Year Award’.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson	E-Vote	3/13/24	X		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	<i>TMT</i>	3/13/24	X		
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member	E-Vote	3/13/24	X		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member	E-Vote	3/13/24	X		
Senator William A. Parkinson Member	E-Vote	3/13/24	X		
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member	E-Vote	3/13/24	X		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	E-Vote	3/13/24	X		
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member	E-Vote	3/13/24	X		
Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member	E-Vote	3/13/24	X		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member	E-Vote	3/13/24	X		
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member					
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	E-Vote	3/13/24	X		
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Sponsor Signature: <i>Therese M Terlaje</i>					
Staff Contact Person: MARIE CRUZ					
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<u>11</u> Certified _____ Returned _____ Name: Zada Hernandez Date: March 13, 2024 at 5:12 p.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

March 15, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*

Subject: **Notice of Presentation - Resolution Nos. 350-37 (COR) to 355-37 (COR).**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of **Resolution Nos. 350-37 (COR) to 355-37 (COR)** - Relative to recognizing National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Guam Chapter on the observance of “Social Work Month,” and the “Social Worker of the Year,” “Social Work Student of the Year,” “Public Citizen of the Year,” “Lifetime Achievement,” and the “Exemplary Service Provider of the Year,” Awards.

Legislative Resolutions will be presented at the NASW Awards Banquet on **Friday, March 15, 2024, at 7:30 p.m., at the Westin Hotel Ballroom, Tumon.** *Please note that the NASW Awards Banquet is from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.*

We look forward to your participation.

Please Note that the Committee on Rules has waived the 24-Hour Notice of Presentation.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

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