

**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
354-37 (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 Dr. Tressa P. Diaz 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 Work (NASW) Guam Chapter Lifetime Achievement Award."	3/15/24 1:47 p.m.	3/15/24 7:30 p.m.	3/15/24 4:06 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 GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, it is the sense of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to recognize the life and accomplishments of those distinguished citizens of this great island who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, outstanding contributions, and significant impact in their respective fields and faithfully serving the best interests of our community and the needs of our people; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Diaz's journey exemplifies unparalleled determination and dedication to advancing social work. Her pursuit of the highest levels of education, including her doctoral studies at the University of Hawaii's (UH) Social Welfare program, highlights her unwavering commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Diaz began teaching at the University of Guam (UOG) in 2009. Despite the sacrifices required, Dr. Diaz remained steadfast in her goal, obtaining her doctorate in December 2017. Her decision to return to Guam to impart her knowledge and experience reflects her profound connection to her roots and her desire to uplift her community. She recently gained tenure at UOG and now chairs the Division of Social Work as an Associate Professor. Her dedication to excellence in education is underscored by the testimonials of students who credit her mentorship and guidance as pivotal in their academic and professional journeys. Dr. Diaz has been instrumental in ensuring the UH/UOG MSW partnership, now celebrating ten (10) years, continues to build on the foundation laid by those who came before her. Her continued commitment to this partnership ensures a social work workforce on Guam that is representative of the community; and

WHEREAS, in her role as a Research Scholar selected by the National Cancer Institute's Minority Health Disparities Research Institute, Dr. Diaz has emerged as a beacon of inspiration for Pacific Islanders aspiring to engage in cancer research. Recognizing the urgent need to address cancer health disparities in Guam, she has dedicated herself to mentorship and advocacy, spearheading initiatives aimed at fostering future generations of scholars and researchers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Diaz's impact extends beyond academia, as evidenced by her leadership within the UOG Cancer Research Center's Community Outreach Core (COC) team and her service as a board member of the American Cancer Society Hawaii-Guam Board. She also serves as the Chair of the Guam Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition. Through these roles, Dr. Diaz encourages outreach and awareness in the community regarding vital cancer screening and prevention methods. Additionally, Dr. Diaz is a member of *I Hagåtña Famala'an* and sits on the board of *Putehi Lizekjan*. She is also a founding member of *Filipinos for Guåhan*, which is dedicated to supporting *Chamorro* self-determination; and

WHEREAS, moreover, Dr. Diaz's national recognition, including her recent appointment as Co-Chair of the Council on Social Work Education, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander track, underscores her expertise and commitment to advancing inclusive research and social work practice. Her advocacy for Indigenous communities, including *Chamorro*, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, is a testament to her unwavering dedication to social justice and cultural responsiveness; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tressa P. Diaz embodies the essence of a true leader and trailblazer in social work. Her contributions to Guam and beyond are invaluable, and her legacy will continue to inspire future generations of social workers; and

WHEREAS, it is with immense pride and admiration that we acknowledge the impressive achievements and profound impact of Dr. Tressa P. Diaz, whose remarkable journey has left an indelible imprint on the fabric of the social work profession; 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 Dr. Tressa P. Diaz 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 Work (NASW) Guam Chapter Lifetime Achievement 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 Dr. Tressa P. Diaz; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maqibigan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 15TH DAY OF MARCH 2024.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



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

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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. 354-37 (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 Dr. Tressa P. Diaz 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 Work (NASW) Guam Chapter Lifetime Achievement Award.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson	E-vote	3/15/24	✓		
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson					
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	<i>TMT</i>	3/15/24	✓		
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member	E-vote	3/15/24	✓		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member					
Senator William A. Parkinson Member					
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member					
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member	E-vote	3/15/24	✓		
Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member	E-vote	3/15/24	✓		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member	E-vote	3/15/24	✓		
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member					
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	E-vote	3/15/24	✓		
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Sponsor Signature: <i>Therese M. Terlaje</i>					
Staff Contact Person: Marie Cruz					
For COR/Clerk’s Office Use Only					
7 Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Joaquin 'Quin' P. Taitague					
Date: March 15, 2024 at 4:06 p.m.					
Notes:					



Office of the Speaker
THERESE M. TERLAJE

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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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