

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
367-37 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje	Relative to recognizing the Judiciary of Guam, the U.S. District Court of Guam, and the Guam Bar Association for the service they provide to the island communities; and commending them for their advocacy of justice and equality as we join them in the celebration of "Law Month" during April 2024, and "Law Day" on May 1, 2024.	4/4/24 9:02 a.m.	4/23/24 12:00 p.m.	4/22/24 3:42 p.m.					

Resolution No. 367-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

Theresa M. Terlaje	William A. Parkinson
Chris Barnett	Sabina Flores-Perez
Frank Blas, Jr.	Ray A. B. Quantz
Jeanne M. Brown	Joe S. San Agustin
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Thomas J. Fisher	Amanda L. Shelton
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:

WHEREAS, April 2024 marks the beginning of "Law Month," a time when we acknowledge the indispensable role of legal professionals and the judiciary in shaping our society, culminating in the celebration of "Law Day" on May 1, 2024, throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the structure of the United States federal government delineated into three (3) distinct branches - the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches, is designed to ensure the separation of powers. Within this framework, the Legislative Branch formulates laws, the Executive Branch executes and enforces them, the Judicial Branch safeguards the rule of law and upholds its supremacy; and

WHEREAS, the inception of "Law Day" traces back to the visionary leadership of the American Bar Association (ABA) President Charles S. Rhyne in 1957, with President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially proclaiming May 1, 1958, as a "day of national dedication to the principles of government under law." This tradition was further enshrined by the U.S. Congress on April 7, 1961, with the adoption of Joint Resolution, Public Law 87-20, 75 Stat. 43. Since then, this celebration has transcended borders, resonating with countries worldwide; and

WHEREAS, each year, the ABA selects a theme for "Law Day" to shed light on a specific facet of law or legal process and its implications on our daily lives; and the 2024 theme, "Voices of Democracy," underscores the fundamental tenet of democracies where power resides with the people; and

WHEREAS, across various junctures in our nation's history, societal divisions have been exacerbated by incivility in public discourse and a lack of understanding about the Constitution and the mechanics of American governance, and "Law Day" implores leaders and members of the legal fraternity to champion civics, civility, and collaboration - the bedrock of our democracy - in fostering trust in our institutions, mutual respect, and a willingness to collaborate in addressing collective challenges that face our islands; and

WHEREAS, the Organic Act of Guam, endorsed by President Harry S. Truman on August 1, 1950, conferred a U.S. Territory status for Guam, instituting a Bill of Rights akin to the U.S. Constitution and this legislation laid the groundwork for Guam's modern local governance, endowing judicial authority to the U.S. District Court of Guam and such other courts established by Guam laws; and

WHEREAS, "Law Day" serves as a moment to commemorate the rule of law on our island and pay tribute to those who were instrumental in the evolution of our judicial system, and we extend our gratitude to the esteemed members of the Judiciary of Guam, the U.S. District Court of Guam, and the Guam Bar Association for their unwavering commitment to ensuring the triumph of justice in our community; and

WHEREAS, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, expresses profound appreciation for the exemplary service rendered by the Judiciary of Guam, the U.S. District Court of Guam, and the Guam Bar Association; 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 Judiciary of Guam, the U.S. District Court of Guam, and the Guam Bar Association for the service they provide to the island communities; and commend them for their advocacy of justice and equality as we join them in the celebration of "Law Month" during April 2024, and "Law Day" on May 1, 2024; 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 the Honorable Robert J. Torres, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Guam; to the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief District Judge, U.S. District Court of Guam; to the Guam Bar Association; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maña'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL 2024.

Theresa M. Terlaje
THERESA M. TERLAJE
Speaker

Chris Barnett
CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Amanda L. Shelton
AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



Marie Cruz
MARIE CRUZ
4/23/24, 11:02am

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

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**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 22ND DAY
OF APRIL 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. 367-37 (COR) – Therese M. Terlaje. – “Relative to recognizing the Judiciary of Guam, the U.S. District Court of Guam, and the Guam Bar Association for the service they provide to the island communities; and commending them for their advocacy of justice and equality as we join them in the celebration of ‘Law Month’ during April 2024, and ‘Law Day’ on May 1, 2024.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson	E-Vote	4/22/24	X		
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson					
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	<i>TMT</i>	4/22/24	X		
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member					
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member	E-Vote	4/22/24	X		
Senator William A. Parkinson Member					
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member	E-Vote	4/22/24	X		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	E-Vote	4/22/24	X		
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member	E-Vote	4/22/24	X		
Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member	E-Vote	4/22/24	X		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member	E-Vote	4/22/24	X		
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member					
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	E-Vote	4/22/24	X		
For Sponsor's Office Use Only					
Sponsor Signature: <i>Therese M. Terlaje</i>					
Staff Contact Person: MARIE CRUZ					
For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only					
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Name: Zada Hernandez					
Date: April 22, 2024 at 3:42 p.m.					
Notes:					



Office of the Speaker
THERESE M. TERLAJE

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Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture

April 22, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*

Subject: **Notice of Presentation - Resolution No. 367-37 (COR)**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of **Resolution No. 367-37 (COR)** - "Relative to recognizing the Judiciary of Guam, the U.S. District Court of Guam, and the Guam Bar Association for the outstanding service they provide to our island communities and commending them for their advocacy of justice and equality as we join them during the month of April 2024 in celebration of "Law Month" and "Law Day" on May 1, 2024."

Resolution No. 367-37 (COR) will be presented on **Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., at the Guam Judicial Center, Supreme Court, 120 West O'Brien Drive, Hågatña, Guam.**

We look forward to your participation.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

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