

**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
426-37 (COR)	Roy A. B. Quinata Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas Joe S. San Agustin William A. Parkinson Sabina Flores Perez Tina Rose Muña Barnes Telo T. Taitague Therese M. Terlaje Amanda L. Shelton	Relative to recognizing the Guam Pride Committee, Equality Guam, Inc., GALA, Inc., Team <i>Umitde</i> , House of Diosa, Sisters of the Moonlight, and community advocates on the celebration of "LGBTQ+ Pride Month" during June 2024; and commending them for their dedication to promoting the social, cultural, and political achievements of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ+) community of Guam.	6/5/24 2:27 p.m.	6/30/24 6:30 p.m.	6/18/24 10:03 a.m.					

Resolution No. 426-37 (COR)

Introduced by

Roy A. B. Quinata  
Deacone F. D. San Isidro  
Law S. San Juan  
William A. Parkinson  
Salama Flores Perez  
Jana Rose Mons Baines  
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:

WHEREAS, Guam has long been a place where family, friends, and community members who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ+) feel welcomed and appreciated, and where efforts to strengthen our families by recognizing and affirming our LGBTQ+ community members in our homes, villages, and under the law, continue to progress. While our diverse community increasingly supports LGBTQ+ equality, "Pride Month" is an important opportunity for greater education and awareness of LGBTQ+ history, which is essential to ending discrimination and prejudice in our community; and

WHEREAS, "Pride Month" advocates tirelessly work for equal rights and benefits for LGBTQ+ people, and in 2015, their work brought progress in the island's efforts with the case of *Ignacio v. GMA*, which brought marriage equality for the first time to a U.S. territory, and continued with the passing and enactment of Public Law 56-1, the *Guam Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) of 2015*, which intended to prevent discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, which was introduced by Senator Benjamin J.F. Cruz; and Public Law 56-6, the *Guam Marriage Equality Act of 2015*, which amended local laws to allow for same-sex marriage, and which was introduced by Senator Nerissa B. Underwood; and

WHEREAS, Guam held its first major LGBTQ+ Pride March on June 10, 2017, which was led by Grand Marshal Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, recognizing his trailblazing career, making history as the first (1<sup>st</sup>) openly LGBTQ+ speaker of a legislative body in the nation, and who decades earlier had led an impromptu Pride March with close friends and allies. In 2018, the named Grand Marshal of the Pride March was Tom "Mala" Ramirez, a historian of *CHamorro* culture specializing in *CHamorro* genealogy and a fluent speaker of the language. Continuing to recognize trailblazers, the 2019 Grand Marshal of the Pride March was selected, naming the Honorable Joshua F. Tenorio, *I Vaquebo* *Majadalen* *Candian* the Lieutenant Governor of Guam, who is the first openly gay lieutenant governor in the nation; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ community members and their supporters continue to make history every day in multiple aspects, including through LGBTQ+ organizations such as Equality Guam, Inc., G.M.A. Inc., the House of Diosa, and the Sisters of the Moonlight that support and advocate for the inclusion of the LGBTQ+ community year-round; and

WHEREAS, Equality Guam, Inc. is a nonprofit organization with the mission to foster a resilient and inclusive community for the queer population of Guam, and they are committed to creating together a safe, supportive, and affirming environment that uplifts and celebrates the diversity of sexual orientations, gender identities, and expressions in their motto: "Celebrate, Collaborate, Community. *Caalaha. Ugnahak. Komunidad*," and

WHEREAS, G.M.A. Inc. is a nonprofit community-based organization that empowers LGBTQ+ persons, families, and allies to build a world of love, respect, and belonging through education, advocacy, and support, and since its founding, GALA, Inc. has served over ten thousand (10,000) youth, adults and families through peer support groups, the Project *Marella* peer educator program, HIV/STI Screening, substance abuse prevention workshops through the Storytelling for Empowerment Workshop Series, youth empowerment camps, after school programs, and LGBTQ+ sensitivity trainings; and

WHEREAS, "*Ugnahak*" means humble, reflecting its mission in representing Guam locally and internationally. *Ugnahak* aims to create a supportive environment where every player, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, feels valued and empowered while breaking down barriers and bringing communities together. The *Ugnahak Volleyball Team* is a family united by a love for the game and commitment to equality; and

WHEREAS, the House of Diosa stands as a beacon of change on the island of Guam, challenging societal stigmas surrounding transgender individuals and drag entertainers. Built on the foundation of family and love, the House remains steadfast in its mission to provide a haven for marginalized individuals, offering a safe space where they can seek solace and embark on journeys of both personal and professional development. With a commitment to fostering inclusivity and empowerment, the House of Diosa embodies resilience, advocacy, and community support, striving to reshape perceptions and create a more accepting society for all; and

WHEREAS, Sisters of the Moonlight consists of various unique individuals who have paved the way for future generations while overcoming many adversities to live their authentic self in a time of intolerance toward LGBTQ+. Sisters of the Moonlight has been involved in serving the community and advancing LGBTQ+ in many different professions and walks of life consisting of artists, educators, community advocates, and most notably international fashion model Camrona Armstad-Kaiser, as these trailblazers represent and exemplify what it means to be living their true self. House Father, the "Legendary" Edward "Bubbles" Roberto, who has been "out" his whole life, leads with grace and acceptance, opening his home to all, hosting family celebrations and holiday gatherings with his "children," ensuring a safe space for everyone to have a sense of family and community, and offering guidance and support for those living their truth; and

WHEREAS, the people of Guam are known for their kindness and compassion, recognizing and supporting the fight for equality and the progress made in creating an island society and world that is more inclusive and accepting; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Minatrentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guahan and the people of Guam, recognize the Guam Pride Committee, Equality Guam, Inc., G.M.A. Inc., Team *Unitde*, House of Diosa, Sisters of the Moonlight, and community advocates on the celebration of "LGBTQ+ Pride Month" during June 2024, and commend them for their dedication to promoting the social, cultural, and political achievements of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ+) community of Guam; and be it further

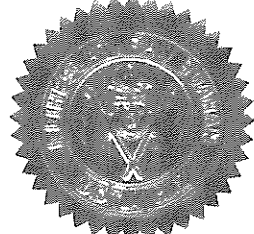
RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Pride Committee, Equality Guam, Inc., G.M.A. Inc., Team *Unitde*, House of Diosa, Sisters of the Moonlight, and the Honorable Joshua Tenorio, *I Vaquebo* *Majadalen* *Candian*; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Majadalen* *Candian*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2024.

THERESE M. TERLAJE  
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA SHELTON  
Legislative Secretary



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

**Resolution No. 426-37 (COR)**

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2        ***MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3        **WHEREAS, Guam has long been a place where family, friends, and community**  
4        **members who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ+) feel**

1 welcomed and appreciated; and where efforts to strengthen our families by recognizing  
2 and affirming our LGBTQ+ community members in our homes, villages, and under the  
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6 prejudice in our community; and

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10 time to a U.S. territory; and continued with the passing and enactment of Public Law  
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13 which was introduced by Senator Benjamin J.F. Cruz; and Public Law 33-65, the  
14 “*Guam Marriage Equality Act of 2015*,” which amended local laws to allow for same  
15 sex marriage, and which was introduced by Senator Nerissa B. Underwood; and

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11 *Komunidá*”; and

12           **WHEREAS**, GALA, Inc. is a nonprofit community-based organization that  
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17 substance abuse prevention workshops through the Storytelling for Empowerment  
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20           **WHEREAS**, “*Umitde*” means humble, reflecting its mission in representing  
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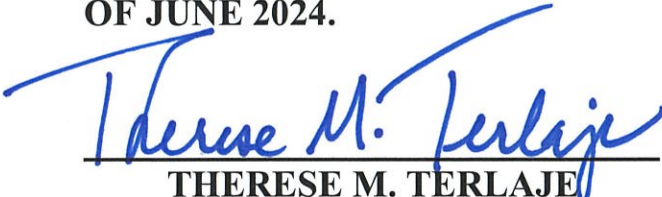
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25 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
26 of Guam, recognize the Guam Pride Committee, Equality Guam, Inc., GALA, Inc.,

1 Team *Umitde*, House of Diosa, Sisters of the Moonlight, and community advocates on  
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10 Honorable Joshua Tenorio, *I Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*; and to the Honorable  
11 Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF JUNE 2024.**

  
THERESE M. TERLAJE

Speaker



CHRIS BARNETT

Chairperson, Committee on Rules



AMANDA C. SHELTON

Legislative Secretary



# COMMITTEE ON RULES

Chris Barnett, Chairperson, Committee on Rules

*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

## COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

**Resolution No. 426-37 (COR)** – Roy A. B. Quinata, Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas, Joe S. San Agustin, William A. Parkinson, Sabina Flores Perez, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Telo T. Taitague, Therese M. Terlaje, Amanda L. Shelton. – “Relative to recognizing the Guam Pride Committee, Equality Guam, Inc., GALA, Inc., Team *Umitde*, House of Dios, Sisters of the Moonlight, and community advocates on the celebration of “LGBTQ+ Pride Month” during June 2024; and commending them for their dedication to promoting the social, cultural, and political achievements of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ+) community of Guam.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
<b>Senator Chris Barnett</b> Chairperson					
<b>Senator Sabina Flores Perez</b> Vice Chairperson	EVOTE	June 12, 2024	✓		
<b>Speaker Therese M. Terlaje</b> Member	EVOTE	June 11, 2024	✓		
<b>Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes</b> Member					
<b>Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton</b> Member	EVOTE	June 11 2024	✓		
<b>Senator William A. Parkinson</b> Member	EVOTE	June 11, 2024	✓		
<b>Senator Roy A. B. Quinata</b> Member	<i>RQ</i>	June 18, 2024	✓		
<b>Senator Joe S. San Agustin</b> Member	EVOTE	June 11, 2024	✓		
<b>Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas</b> Member	EVOTE	June 12, 2024	✓		
<b>Senator Joanne M. Brown</b> Minority Member	EVOTE	June 13, 2024	✓		
<b>Senator Christopher M. Dueñas</b> Minority Member					
<b>Senator Thomas J. Fisher</b> Minority Member					
<b>Senator Telo T. Taitague</b> Minority Member	EVOTE	June 11, 2024	✓		
<b>For Sponsor's Office Use Only</b>					
Sponsor Signature: <i>Roy A. B. Quinata</i>					
Staff Contact Person: Jalissa Spivey					
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9 Certified _____ Returned _____					
Name: Donaven-ray Mantanona					
Date: June 18, 2024 at 10:03 a.m.					
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OFFICE OF SENATOR  
**ROY A. B. QUINATA**

*I Mina' trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan* | 37th Guam Legislature  
Committee on Infrastructure, Economic Development, Simon Sanchez High School, Disabilities Services,  
Self-Determination and Historic Preservation, Housing, Public Accountability, and the Guam Buildup

**June 18, 2024**

**MEMORANDUM**

**To: All Members of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan***

**From: Senator Roy A. B. Quinata** 

**Subject: Notice of Presentation - Resolution No. 426-37 (COR)**

*Buenas yan Håfa Adai!*

Please join me in presenting Resolution No. 426-37 (COR) - "Relative to recognizing the Guam Pride Committee, Equality Guam, Inc., GALA, Inc., Team *Umitde*, House of Diosa, Sisters of the Moonlight, and community advocates on the celebration of "LGBTQ+ Pride Month" during June 2024; and commending them for their dedication to promoting the social, cultural, and political achievements of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ+) community of Guam."

The presentation will occur on Sunday, June 30, 2024, at 6:30 P.M., at TaoTao Tasi Tumon.

I look forward to your attendance and participation.

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'*