

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
37-38 (COR)	Frank F. Blas, Jr. Therese M. Terlaje Jesse A. Lujan Chris Barnett V. Anthony Ada Christopher M. Dueñas Telo T. Taitague William A. Parkinson Tina Rose Muña-Barnes Shelly V. Calvo	Relative to recognizing the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence, the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services, and the numerous community advocates, organizations, and government agencies for their continued dedication and efforts to raise public awareness during the Month of April 2025 in advocating for the prevention of child abuse, sexual abuse, assault, harassment, and support for those affected by crime.	4/1/25 1:48 p.m.	4/7/25 11:00 a.m.	4/4/25 4:18 p.m.					

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:

WHEREAS, the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence, in collaboration with the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center and the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services, has forged community partnerships with other government agencies, private companies, and non-profit organizations to enhance the quality of care for survivors of violent sexual crimes, child abuse, and child neglect; and

WHEREAS, Guam joins the nation in observing April 2025 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" and "Child Abuse Prevention Month," and the week of April 6 to April 12, 2025 as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week"; and it is an appropriate time to raise public awareness of sexual violence, child abuse, victimization, promotion of prevention strategies, support survivors, advocate for the rights and needs of crime victims, and emphasize the importance of providing comprehensive support and services to those affected by crime; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Sexual Assault Awareness Month's theme is "Together We Act, United We Change," highlighting the importance of working together to address and prevent sexual abuse, assault, and harassment; and initiatives by the island's collaborators aim to promote coordinated community responses that focus on enhancing the public's understanding of sexual violence, amplifying the voices of survivors, and empowering the island's people to work together to promote the safety and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program statistics that were released in 2023 revealed that a violent crime occurred every 25.9 seconds, with one murder every 27.3 seconds and one rape every 4.1 seconds; and in 2023, the U.S. documented seven million five hundred fifty-five thousand eight hundred sixty-three (7,555,863) crimes in total; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Police Department also released data indicating that in 2024 there were four hundred (400) assault cases, two hundred seventy-three (273) harassment cases, two hundred twenty-six (226) terrorizing cases, two hundred twenty-four (224) criminal sexual conduct cases, two hundred six (206) aggravated assault cases, ninety-seven (97) family violence cases, twenty-two (72) child abuse cases, fifty-two (52) violation of court order cases, twenty-eight (28) stalking cases, and seven (7) kidnapping cases; and

WHEREAS, from the over one thousand five hundred (1,500) family violence and criminal sexual conduct cases data reported on Guam, females of Native Hawaiian or Pacific Island descent that were eighteen (18) to fifty-nine (59) years of age were the highest at risk of family violence or criminal sexual conduct, where their offenders were most likely a family or household member; and

WHEREAS, "Child Abuse Prevention Month" recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to build healthier environments where children can reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, findings from a 2022 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report on child abuse and neglect indicate that an estimated five hundred fifty-eight thousand eight hundred ninety-nine (558,899) children were victims of abuse and neglect, which was eight (8) out of one thousand (1,000) children nationwide. Later findings in 2024 from the CDC report found that one (1) in four (4) girls and one (1) in thirteen (13) boys were abused in the U.S. According to their most recent study, children most vulnerable to abuse were children in their first year of life or fifteen percent (15%) of all victims, and about twenty-seven percent (27%) of child maltreatment victims were no more than two (2) years old; and

WHEREAS, child abuse hurts minds, bodies, and futures; and globally, numerous studies have come to the same conclusion that child abuse is non-discriminatory and that it affects every socioeconomic group, and the trauma of child abuse causes children to lose their sense of safety and trust in the world, and harm their relationships; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services documented approximately one thousand six hundred seventy-one (1,671) child welfare referrals and that six hundred sixty-seven (667) children are under Child Protective Services' custody for Fiscal Year 2023; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, President Ronald W. Reagan saw the need to increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of victims and survivors, declaring the month of April as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week"; and

WHEREAS, events like "Sexual Assault Awareness Month," "Child Abuse Prevention Month," and "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" provide opportunities to renew our commitment to ensuring that all victims and survivors have access to necessary services for healing and empowerment; and these events also allow communities to honor those dedicated to providing critical resources for rebuilding the lives of survivors; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Minatrentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence, the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services, and the numerous community advocates, organizations, and government agencies for their continued dedication and efforts to raise public awareness during the Month of April 2025 in advocating for the prevention of child abuse, sexual abuse, assault, and harassment, and support for those affected by crime; 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 Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence; the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center; the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maysi'biagan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 4TH DAY OF APRIL 2025.

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

Christopher M. Dueñas
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



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4/07/25 8:40am

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

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2 ***MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

1 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence,
2 in collaboration with the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center and the Guam
3 Department of Public Health and Social Services, has forged community partnerships
4 with other government agencies, private companies, and non-profit organizations to
5 enhance the quality of care for survivors of violent sexual crimes, child abuse, and child
6 neglect; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Guam joins the nation in observing April 2025 as “Sexual Assault
8 Awareness Month” and “Child Abuse Prevention Month,” and the week of April 6 to
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11 prevention strategies, support survivors, advocate for the rights and needs of crime
12 victims, and emphasize the importance of providing comprehensive support and
13 services to those affected by crime; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the 2025 Sexual Assault Awareness Month’s theme is “*Together*
15 *We Act, United We Change*,” highlighting the importance of working together to
16 address and prevent sexual abuse, assault, and harassment; and initiatives by the island’s
17 collaborators aim to promote coordinated community responses that focus on enhancing
18 the public’s understanding of sexual violence, amplifying the voices of survivors, and
19 empowering the island’s people to work together to promote the safety and well-being
20 of others; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Uniform Crime Reporting
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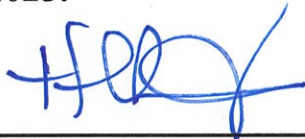
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17 communities to honor those dedicated to providing critical resources for rebuilding the
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19 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*
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21 of Guam, recognize the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence,
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8 Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

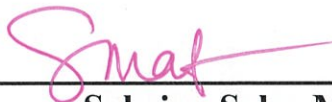
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
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APRIL 2025.**



Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker



Christopher M. Dueñas
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules



Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RULES

VICE SPEAKER V. ANTHONY ADA, CHAIRPERSON

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38th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 37-38 (COR) – Frank F. Blas, Jr., Therese M. Terlaje, Jesse A. Lujan, Chris Barnett, V. Anthony Ada, Christopher M. Dueñas, Telo T. Taitague, William A. Parkinson, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Shelly V. Calvo – “Relative to recognizing the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence, the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services, and the numerous community advocates, organizations, and government agencies for their continued dedication and efforts to raise public awareness during the Month of April 2025 in advocating for the prevention of child abuse, sexual abuse, assault, harassment, and support for those affected by crime.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada Chairperson	E-VOTE	4/4/25	✓		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Vice Chairperson	E-VOTE	4/4/25	✓		
Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr. Member	<i>ky</i>	4/4/25	X		
Legislative Secretary Sabrina Salas Matanane Member					
Senator Vincent A.V. Borja Member	E-VOTE	4/4/25	✓		
Senator Shelly Calvo Member					
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Member	E-VOTE	4/4/25	✓		
Senator Jesse Anderson Lujan Member	E-VOTE	4/4/25	✓		
Senator Telo Teresa Taitague Member	E-VOTE	4/4/25	✓		
Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes Minority Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Minority Member	E-VOTE	4/4/25	✓		
For Sponsor's Office Use Only Sponsor Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>					
Staff Contact Person: Derek Sablan					
For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only ____ 8 ____ Certified ____ Returned Name: Zada Hernandez-Padilla Date: April 4, 2025 at 4:18 p.m. Notes:					



OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
FRANK F. BLAS, JR.

38TH GUAM LEGISLATURE – *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 4, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators

From: Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr.

Subject: **Rescind and Replace Notice of Presentation – Resolution No. 37-38 (COR)**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of **Resolution No. 37-38 (COR)**:

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Presentation Information:

Date: Monday, April 7, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Guam Community College Multi-Purpose Auditorium Building 300

Your attendance and support are greatly appreciated.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

###END OF STATEMENT###
