

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO 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
4-38 (COR)	Chris Barnett	Relative to recognizing the observance of "2025 National Catholic Schools Week" during the week of January 26 to February 1, 2025, with the theme: "Impacting our Community, Inspiring Guam"; and commending the Guam Catholic Schools' administration, faculty, and staff, and the Office of Catholic Education of the Archdiocese of <i>Agaña</i> for their continued dedication and commitment to the students of Catholic schools on Guam as they celebrate the occasion.	1/13/25 11:20 a.m.	1/23/25 4:30 p.m.	1/21/25 11:22 a.m.					

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES I MINA TRENTA OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:

WHEREAS, the Archdiocese of *Agaña* – Office of Catholic Education is celebrating “2025 National Catholic Schools Week” in observance of Catholic education in the United States and Guam; and

WHEREAS, since 1974, the National Catholic Educators Association (NCEA) has introduced and observed “National Catholic Schools Week” as an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States; and through several events, Catholic schools focus on the values that Catholic education provides to young people, as well as their contributions to the Catholic Church, local communities, and the nation; and this year’s Catholic Schools’ 2025 theme is “*Impacting our Community, Inspiring Guam*”; and

WHEREAS, students who attend Catholic schools receive challenging, high-quality academic experiences in a supportive environment and are encouraged to engage in innovative learning, problem solving, teamwork, and expanding their worldview; and

WHEREAS, with the support of the clergy and members of the religious orders and the Catholic faithful, the Archdiocese of *Agaña* – Catholic Schools Office began to establish Guam’s Catholic Schools more than seventy-six (76) years ago; and among the eleven (11) Catholic Schools on Guam, they consist of more than two thousand seven hundred eleven (2,711) students and three hundred fifty-three (353) faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, during the observance of the “2025 National Catholic Schools Week” on Guam from January 26 to February 1, 2025, each respective school will host various events during the week, highlighting student achievements, faculty and staff services, and community outreach; and Guam’s Catholic Schools will honor teachers and principals, as well as administrators and staff, who support their students’ success in and out of the classroom, acknowledging that parents, guardians and other family members also play a vital role as they instill the values of the Catholic faith at home and in the community; and

WHEREAS, in 1945, Bishop Apollinaris William Baumgartner, OFM Cap, D.D., arrived in Guam and began laying the foundation for Guam’s Catholic school system. In 1949, the Cathedral Grade School (CGS) became the first Catholic elementary school on Guam, and it was administered by Sister Mary Inez Underwood, a Sister of Mercy from Belmont, North Carolina; and in 1989, the school moved and changed its name to Bishop Baumgartner Middle School (BBMS), and is now presently known as Bishop Baumgartner Memorial Catholic School, and it continues to be a school community that leads students to holistic excellence, to love all of God’s creation, and to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, the Sisters of Mercy established the Mercy Heights Nursery and Kindergarten to provide childcare services for working mothers on Guam. Mercy Heights Nursery and Kindergarten offers excellent care and educational curriculum for preschool and kindergarten children, and the staff of Mercy Heights Nursery and Kindergarten are dedicated to nurturing all our children with the Spirit of Jesus, providing a safe and happy learning environment and enriching the learning experience of Guam’s children; and

WHEREAS, the Infant of Prague Catholic Nursery and Kindergarten was founded in 1952 by the Sisters of Mercy, namely Sister Redempta Thomas. The first Catholic daycare on Guam, Infant of Prague Catholic Nursery and Kindergarten provides a clean nurturing environment where children can learn and grow; and the goal of Infant of Prague Catholic Nursery and Kindergarten is to instill lifelong values that develop the children’s intellectual, physical, social, emotional, and spiritual development; and

WHEREAS, the Dominican Child Development Center and Dominican Catholic School seeks to educate young children to work toward the achievement of their full potential in all areas of human development; and Dominican Catholic School acknowledges that parents are the first and foremost educators of their children and wholeheartedly values their support; and

WHEREAS, Saint Anthony Catholic School was founded by the Sisters of Mercy in September 1960 and has served as a pillar of community life and is known for its exuberant spirit, its academics, and most especially for its inspiring Christian Character; and the school continues to empower students to be self-assured, effective communicators, critical thinkers, and strong informed citizens and leaders through a rich integrated curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Saint Francis Catholic School was established in 1949, rooted in the person of Jesus Christ, and its students learn to use their gifts and talents to know, love, and serve God and neighbor according to his divine plan; and the school prepares every student for academic and Christian excellence, and to become an instrument of God’s peace in order to exude peace on our island of Guam and in the world; and

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WHEREAS, Santa Barbara Catholic School was founded in 1950 under the leadership of Father Fulgence Petrie, OFM Cap. with Sister Redempta, RSM as the first principal; and from its foundation, a Sister of Mercy continues to serve as principal of the school; and the Santa Barbara Catholic School students and staff are committed Christians by practicing Catholic values and continuing to grow in faith; they are responsible members of the community by respecting and appreciating cultural diversity; they are creative and critical thinkers by using knowledge and mastery of problem-solving skills to make responsible decisions; and they are effective communicators by using oral, written, and creative forms of expression to clearly communicate ideas, information, and emotions; and

WHEREAS, the Academy of Our Lady of Guam (AOLG) is rooted in the unique charism of Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, and it is an Archdiocesan young women's secondary school providing holistic, comprehensive, and challenging quality education in a technologically advanced environment maintaining a competitive advantage through academic excellence, faith formation, values, and image; and making a world of difference in the journey towards excellence; and its students are Christ-centered, are intellectually competent and resourceful, are catalysts for change, are lifelong learners, and are effective communicators; and

WHEREAS, in 1948, Bishop Apollinaris Baumgartner, OFM Cap., established Father Dueñas Memorial School (FDMS) as a minor seminary and a high school for young men, and it is located near the site of Father Jesus B. Dueñas' martyrdom. The Stigmatine Fathers were the first administrators of FDMS and the school graduated its first class of twelve (12) young men in 1950. In 1970, the late Governor Carlos G. Camacho issued Government Proclamation 70-24 designating July 12th as "Father Dueñas Day"; and students of Father Dueñas Memorial School are educated to grow to be faithful Christians, responsible individuals, intellectual young men, accomplished communicators, responsible citizens, and servant leaders of God; and

WHEREAS, established in 1968, Notre Dame High School is driven by the charism of the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) foundress, Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger, to transform the world through education and bases its philosophy on the two (2)-fold mission of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, which is to serve the Church in forming a Christian Community, and to provide quality education that enables each person to reach the fullness of their potential. The aim of the school within the context of the total curriculum is to assist each student in becoming an informed Christian who is aware of the gospel's challenge to accept, develop, and integrate a faith-response into all facets of human life: spiritual, academic, social, cultural, and physical; and this faith-response will be achieved upon the acceptance of their social responsibilities and willingness to share their talents; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize the observance of "2025 National Catholic Schools Week" during the week of January 26 to February 1, 2025, with the theme: "Impacting our Community, Inspiring Guam"; and commend the Guam Catholic Schools' administration, faculty and staff, and the Catholic Schools Office of the Archdiocese of *Agaña* for their dedication and commitment to the students of Catholic schools on Guam as they celebrate the occasion; and be it further

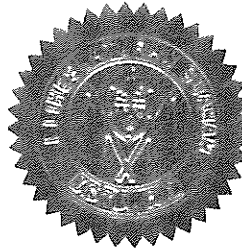
RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Reverend Father Jeffrey C. San Nicolas, Superintendent of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of *Agaña*; the Most Reverend Ryan P. Jimenez, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of *Agaña*; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maqalågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 21ST DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

Christopher M. Dueñas
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



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

Resolution No. 4-38 (COR)

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COMMITTEE ON RULES


VICE SPEAKER V. ANTHONY ADA, CHAIRPERSON

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38th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 4-38 (COR) - Chris Barnett. - "Relative to recognizing the observance of "2025 National Catholic Schools Week" during the week of January 26 to February 1, 2025, with the theme: "Impacting our Community, Inspiring Guam"; and commending the Guam Catholic Schools' administration, faculty, and staff, and the Office of Catholic Education of the Archdiocese of *Agaña* for their continued dedication and commitment to the students of Catholic schools on Guam as they celebrate the occasion."

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada Chairperson	E-Vote	1/17/25	✓		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Vice Chairperson	E-Vote	1/17/25	✓		
Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr. Member	E-Vote	1/21/25	✓		
Legislative Secretary Sabrina Salas Matanane Member	E-Vote	1/17/25	✓		
Senator Vincent A.V. Borja Member	E-Vote	1/17/25	✓		
Senator Shelly Calvo Member	E-Vote	1/17/25	✓		
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Member					
Senator Jesse Anderson Lujan Member	E-Vote	1/17/25	✓		
Senator Telo Teresa Taitague Member	E-Vote	1/17/25	✓		
Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes Minority Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Minority Member	E-Vote	1/17/25	✓		
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Sponsor Signature: 					
Staff Contact Person: Ayana Rose Pinkney					
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Name: Marie Crisostomo					
Date: January 21, 2025 at 11:22 a.m.					
Notes:					



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 21, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

From: Senator Chris “Malafunkshun” Barnett

Re: PRESENTATION NOTICE for Resolution No. 4-38 (COR)

Håfa adai:

The presentation of Resolution No. 4-38 (COR) “Relative to recognizing the observance of “2025 National Catholic Schools Week” during the week of January 26 to February 1, 2025, with the theme: “*Impacting our Community, Inspiring Guam*” will take place on **Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 4:30 pm in the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building in Hagåtña.**

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

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