

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE 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
165-37 (LS)	Amanda L. Shelton	Relative to recognizing the observance of "Parks and Recreation Month" during the month of July 2023, with this year's theme: " <i>Where Community Grows</i> "; and commending the Department of Parks and Recreation for their commitment to promoting and building strong, vibrant, and resilient communities through parks and recreation.	7/27/23 8:54 a.m.	7/28/23 10:30 a.m.	7/27/23					

Resolution No. 165-37 (LS)

Introduced by:

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 7/28/23
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Relative to recognizing the observance of “Parks and Recreation Month” during the month of July 2023, with this year’s theme: “Where Community Grows”; and commending the Department of Parks and Recreation for their commitment to promoting and building strong, vibrant, and resilient communities through parks and recreation.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:

WHEREAS, since 1985, the United States has recognized the positive impacts that parks and recreational spaces have on communities by commemorating the month of July as “Parks and Recreation Month”, and this year’s theme of “Where Community Grows” highlights the vital role parks play in fostering a higher sense of community around the country; and

WHEREAS, “Parks and Recreation Month” is observed annually in July to promote building strong, vibrant, and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation. The month celebrates the vital role parks and recreation professionals play in bringing people together, providing essential services, and fostering the growth of our communities; and as parks and recreation professionals, they make a positive impact on the lives of the community; and

WHEREAS, the people of Guam share a long and rich relationship with the flora and fauna of the island, as our culture and values are rooted in nature and provide a sacred connection to our ancestors; and

WHEREAS, since the indigenous times, land has been used for communal and ritual purposes and has shaped the ideals that the people of Guam still honor today; and

WHEREAS, the relationship between the land and the people of Guam has slowly evolved to reflect the Spanish concept of public land, where these areas are accessible regardless of clan or village ownership; and

WHEREAS, despite this transformative period, our ancestors have learned to adapt and localize different perspectives to continue their traditional concepts, practices, and protocols in the efforts to preserve their culture; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of the Organic Act of 1950 came a new era for Guam parks. As part of the Organic Act of Guam, the United States had transferred land to the newly established Government of Guam that was designated to become publicly accessible parks, beaches, conservation areas, recreation areas, cemeteries, historic sites, and national landmarks; and

WHEREAS, in the years that followed, the Government of Guam created the Parks, Monuments, and Museum Committee to manage the island’s public parks and recreational spaces; and several government agencies, including the Department of Public Works and the Department of Commerce, helped to maintain and develop the land; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 1975, at 11:30 a.m., Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo signed Public Law 12-209 transferring the responsibility of parks and recreational resources from the Department of Land Management to a newly-created Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). This is generally considered to be the enacting legislation that formed what the Department is today, and is also governed by 21 GCA Chapter 77; and over the years, through legislative action, several parks and recreational facilities have been transferred to government entities such as mayors’ offices or other government agencies; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, the Department of Parks and Recreation had well over two hundred (200) employees; however, today, it only has forty-seven (47) hard-working souls who labor and strive to upkeep over sixty (60) territorial and community parks and recreational facilities, including the Paseo Stadium, the Northern Regional Sports Complex (a gymnasium, four (4) baseball fields, and various open spaces), two (2) public swimming pool facilities, a tennis court facility, the Governor Joseph Flores (Yfiau) Beach Park, the Matapang Beach Park, and numerous other public beaches that are maintained. The Department also manages the island’s only public cemetery and is responsible for over two hundred (200) historic sites and landmarks in addition to the regulatory responsibilities of the DPR Historic Preservation Division; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Department of Parks and Recreation is expected to see much in the way of upgrades to its facilities and infrastructure thanks in large part to the commitment of American Rescue Plan funding by Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, the securing of grant funding in cooperation with the Guam State Clearinghouse and the Department of Agriculture, and the application for funding through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) grant funding due to the extensive damage in the wake of Typhoon Mawar; and

WHEREAS, in the first six (6) months of 2023, the Department of Parks and Recreation has overseen the completed renovations and upgrades at both the Jose Guerrero Softball Field in Hagåtña and the Salagñita Natural Tide Pools in Inalahan, the expected completion of compliance requirements and official re-opening of the Northern Regional Sports Complex community pool facility in Dededo, the expected successful completion of new community gymnasiums around the island to include Dededo, Tamuning, Agaña Heights, and Malesso’ to name a few, the successful hosting of a Korean professional baseball team, the Lotte Giants, for their spring training in February at both the Northern Regional Sports Complex baseball fields in Dededo and the Paseo Stadium in Hagåtña, and it is currently continuing its recovery and restoration efforts to all its parks and facilities in the wake of the devastating effects caused by Typhoon Mawar; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation has begun the process of the complete renovation and rehabilitation of the Hagåtña community pool facility and the Northern Regional Sports Complex gymnasium to enhance the ability to provide state-of-the-art recreational opportunities for the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation has also begun a rebranding of its Adopt-A-Park Program to promote stewardship, partnership, and citizenship in managing and maintaining the parks in the Territorial Park System; and the Department is in the process of hiring five (5) new Park Police recruits to expand its corps of officers to maintain safety in all its areas of responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the Department will be working cooperatively with Lieutenant Governor Joshua Tenorio and the Islandwide Beautification Task Force, and the Guam Visitors Bureau on beautifying and maintaining all of Guam’s public parks and facilities for our residents and visitors alike; and

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WHEREAS, as we commemorate “Parks and Recreation Month,” we recognize the hard work and dedication of the many DPR personnel and community members that have contributed to creating safe public spaces that help develop a stronger, more vibrant, and resilient community; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina Trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the observance of “Parks and Recreation Month” during the month of July 2023, with this year’s theme: “Where Community Grows”; and commend the Department of Parks and Recreation for their commitment to promoting and building strong, vibrant, and resilient communities through parks and recreation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Department of Parks and Recreation; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Maqatagan Guahan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 27TH DAY OF JULY 2023.

Therese M. Terlaje
 THERESE M. TERLAJE
 Speaker

Amanda L. Shelton
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 Legislative Secretary



I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

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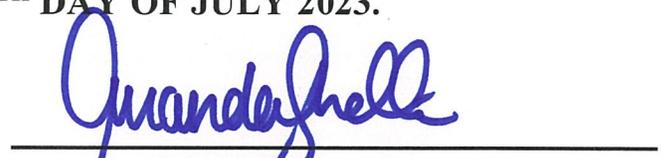
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THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker



AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



Office of Senator

AMANDA L. SHELTON

Legislative Secretary & Chairwoman

Committee on Maritime and Air Transportation, Parks, Tourism, Higher Education, and the Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan • 37th Guam Legislature

July 27, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators

37th Guam Legislature

From: Senator Amanda L. Shelton 

Re: Presentation Notice for Resolution No. 165-37 (LS)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of **Resolution No. 165-37 (LS) – Amanda L. Shelton**. – “Relative to recognizing the observance of “Parks and Recreation Month” during the month of July 2023, with this year’s theme: “Where Community Grows”; and commending the Department of Parks and Recreation for their commitment to promoting and building strong, vibrant, and resilient communities through parks and recreation.”

A waiver of the 24-hour presentation notice requirement was approved by the Committee on Rules. The resolution will be presented on Friday, July 28, 2023, 10:30 AM at the DPR Headquarters, Paseo.

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

