

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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

WHEREAS, the Archdiocese of *Agaña* – Office of Catholic Schools is celebrating "2024 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) had 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 value 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 2024 theme is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community"; 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-five (75) years ago; and among the eleven (11) Catholic Schools on Guam, they consist of more than three thousand two hundred (3,200) students and four hundred (400) faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, during the observance of "2024 National Catholic Schools Week" on Guam from January 28 to February 3, 2024, 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 values of the Catholic faith at home and in the community; and

WHEREAS, in 1945, Bishop Apollinaris William Baumgartner, OFM Cap, D.D., arrived on Guam and began laying the foundation for Guam's Catholic school system. In 1949, Cathedral Grade School (CGS) became the first Catholic elementary school on Guam and 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 Memorial Catholic School (BBMCS), 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 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 pre-school and kindergarten children. 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 our children; and

WHEREAS, 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, 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, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School was founded in 1957 to initially provide a Catholic education to the students of southern Guam under the spiritual guidance of Father Mel McCormack. Mount Carmel School (MCS) educates and develops the entire child and continues to enhance character and discipline while preparing students for advanced education and the highest roles of responsibility in their lifetimes as it prepares students for lifelong learning, and MCS was officially closed by decree on October 20, 2023 after sixty-six (66) years of dedicated Catholic school education; and

WHEREAS, founded in September 1960 by the Sisters of Mercy, Saint Anthony Catholic School 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 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. 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. From its foundation, a Sister of Mercy continues to serve as principal of the school, and

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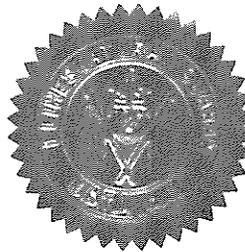
RESOLVED, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize the observance of "2024 National Catholic Schools Week" during the week of January 28 to February 3, 2024, with the theme: "Catholic Schools United in Faith and Community"; and commend the Guam Catholic Schools' administration, faculty and staff, and the Catholic Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Agaña for their continued dedication and commitment to the students of Catholic schools on Guam as they celebrate the occasion; 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 Reverend Father Jeffrey C. San Nicolas, Superintendent of the Catholic Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Agaña; Reverend Father Romeo D. Convozar, Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Agaña; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Magsa' Inagan Guåhan*

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 23RD DAY OF JANUARY 2024.


THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker


AMANDA L. SHIEHON
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2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

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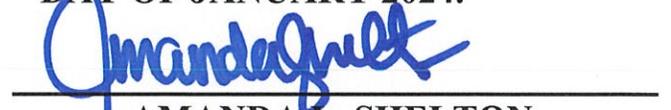
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Office of the Vice Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

37th Guam Legislature

January 26, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators
37th Guam Legislature

From: Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

Subject: Presentation of Resolution No. 304-37 (LS)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of **Resolution No. 304-37 (LS)** – “Relative to recognizing the observance of “2024 National Catholic Schools Week” during the week of January 28 to February 3, 2024, with the theme: “Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community”; and commending the Guam Catholic Schools’ administration, faculty and staff, and the Catholic Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Agaña for their continued dedication and commitment to the students of Catholic school on Guam as they celebrate the occasion.

The presentation will take place on **Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.** in the Public Hearing Room at the Guam Congress Building.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!