

**I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
296-35 (LS)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD	Relative to recognizing Humanities Guåhan for promoting and providing public humanities programming, foundational support, and education resources for the people of Guam; and congratulating them on winning the national 2019 Schwartz Prize for "Outstanding Public Humanities Programming" for their <i>Taking Root: Growing Youth Empowerment for Island Sustainability</i> program.	1/31/20 9:27 a.m.	2/25/20 12:30 p.m.	1/31/20					

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

WHEREAS, Humanities Guåhan was founded on September 19, 1991; and it is currently a federally-recognized nonprofit organization that is affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities, and its mission is to provide educational resources and promote public humanities programming for our island community; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Humanities Guåhan's program, *Taking Root: Growing Youth Empowerment for Island Sustainability* was nominated for the 37<sup>th</sup> Helen and Martin Schwartz Prize for "Outstanding Work in the Public Humanities"; and

WHEREAS, at the 2019 National Humanities Conference which was held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort on November 9, 2019, Humanities Guåhan was one (1) of two (2) Humanities Councils to be awarded with the national 2019 Schwartz Prize for "Outstanding Work in the Public Humanities" for their program *Taking Root*; and

WHEREAS, Humanities Guåhan competed against thirteen (13) other State Humanities Councils from around the nation for the Schwartz Prize, showcasing exemplary programming having a significant impact to citizens, institutions, organizations, and communities of their states; and

WHEREAS, characteristics of the prize-winning initiatives include the ability for the program to involve new audiences, create unique or far-reaching collaborations, include capacity-building efforts, integrate new uses of technology, demonstrate sustainability, and incorporate an innovative merge of public and academic programs/audiences; and

WHEREAS, the award-winning *Taking Root* program is a ten (10)-week intensive summer program targeting at-risk Guam public middle school students who trace their heritage to Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, and the Marshall Islands with the goal of empowering youth to take on leadership roles in the island community and become stewards of our environment and island cultures in an increasingly urbanized island; and

WHEREAS, the program engaged the youth in capacity-building workshops and mentorship on professional skills for community projects, educational programs on Micronesia's natural and cultural resources, meaningful cross-cultural exchange, and youth-led community action plans culminating in the facilitation of the Youth Sustainability Conference; and

WHEREAS, thirty (30) middle school students from Guam's public schools participated in various activities, immersing them in the community and the environment with field trips to a limestone forest and ancient *CHamorro* latte sites, hikes to watersheds, snorkeling at beaches, visits to local farms, and cleanup and restoration activities; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, youth participants formed teams and met with community leaders to study specific areas of interest. Their accomplishments include the following: The Royal Spams team studied the environmental and cultural significance of Marbo Cave and Cliffs, carrying out a cleanup and designing educational and safety signage in Japanese, Korean, and *CHamorro*; The Chillins team studied badlands restoration engaging the community in erosion and soil restoration, and activating their peers to install jute and wattles at different sites; Team Branches looked into ocean conservation with recycling and cleaning efforts at *Tanguisson* Beach and the *Paseo de Susana* Park, and Human Use Monitoring in Guam coastal areas, observing how human activities impact reefs within the vicinity; the Bellas and Benny team's interest looked into the impact and eradication efforts of the coconut rhinoceros beetle; the Pacific Einsteins and Banana Ninjas teams researched waste and recycling on Guam and repurposed used straws to create upcycled projects; and the Banana Ninjas also drafted a petition to implement a straw policy; and


WHEREAS, the program ran from June to October 2018, and consisted of three (3) parts: a three (3)-week summer program on the environments and cultures in Guam and Micronesia; a series of weekly youth community action plan meetings; and a Youth Sustainability Conference. Through these initiatives, Humanities Guåhan sought to raise awareness of climate change and encourage youth empowerment by allowing students to identify the critical roles they play in sustainable development and cultural preservation and work closely with the island's scientists, environmentalists, humanists, and traditional experts; and

WHEREAS, the *Taking Root* project was made possible through the support from various organizations, businesses, and government agencies, including the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Office of Insular Affairs, Hertz Guam/Triple J Motors, the Guam Community College, the Adahi I Tano grant of Matson Navigation Guam, and many other local volunteers; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I *Mina Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize Humanities Guåhan for promoting and providing public humanities programming, foundational support, and education resources for the people of Guam; and congratulate them on winning the national 2019 Schwartz Prize for "Outstanding Public Humanities Programming" for their *Taking Root: Growing Youth Empowerment for Island Sustainability* program; 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 Humanities Guåhan; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I *Maga'hagan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 31<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2020.

  
TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES  
Speaker

  
AMANDA L. SHELTON  
Legislative Secretary



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Office of the Speaker

**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**

*I Mina'Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan*

February 6, 2020

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All Members  
*35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature*

**FROM:** Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

**SUBJECT:** Presentation of Resolution No. 296-35 (LS)

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*Buenas yan Håfa Adai!*


Please join us in presenting **Resolution No. 296-35 (LS)**. “Relative to recognizing Humanities Guåhan for promoting and providing public humanities programming, foundational support, and education resources for the people of Guam; and congratulating them on winning the national 2019 Schwartz Prize for “Outstanding Public Humanities Programming” for their *Taking Root: Growing Youth Empowerment for Island Sustainability* program.”

The presentation will take place on **Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 12:30PM** at the **Guam Congress Building Public Hearing Room**. We look forward to your attendance and participation, should your schedule permit.

*Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'*

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**2020 (SECOND) Regular Session**

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