

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN  
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHOR REPORT FILED	NOTES
299-36 (LS)	Amanda L. Shelton	Relative to recognizing the Autism Community Together (ACT) for its efforts to promote autism awareness and provide support to families on the observance of "Autism Awareness Month" during the month of April 2022, with this year's theme: <i>"Every Piece Matters – Accept &amp; Support Autism"</i> ; and commending the members of ACT, and the families and caregivers of all persons with autism for their unconditional love and dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, family members, and friends.	3/31/22 8:35 a.m.	4/7/22 5:30 p.m.	3/31/22					

Resolution No. 299-36 (LS)

Introduced by:

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BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three (3) years of a child's life and affects their ability to communicate and interact with others; and, there is no single cause for ASD, but increased awareness and funding can help families today; and

WHEREAS, autism is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a "spectrum disorder" that affects individuals differently, to varying degrees, and it knows no racial, ethnic, or social boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network found that around one (1) in forty-four (44) children were identified with ASD based on tracking across multiple areas of the United States. This same data revealed that some characteristics of children with ASD have remained the same, and that boys were almost five (5) times more likely to be identified with ASD than girls. Today, one (1) in forty-four (44) children will be diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders; and more children are diagnosed with ASD than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes, and pediatric AIDS combined; and

WHEREAS, caring for a child with ASD can place a heavy economic burden on families and communities. The ADDM Network estimates that it costs at least Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) more per year to care for a child with ASD, as compared to a child without ASD. Costs include health care, education, ASD-related therapy, family-coordinated services, and caregiver time. Taken together, it is estimated that the total societal costs of caring for children with ASD was more than \$11.5 Billion Dollars in 2011; and

WHEREAS, a quarter century ago, a nationwide effort was launched to promote autism awareness, inclusion, and self-determination for all, and ensure that each person with ASD is provided with the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life; and this year, the Autism Society wants to go beyond simply promoting autism awareness by encouraging friends and collaborators to become partners in the movement towards acceptance and appreciation; and

WHEREAS, parents and family members, support groups, researchers, and professionals have dedicated years of service in their ongoing efforts to advocate for the rights, respect, dignity, humane treatments, and appropriate education of all persons with autism; and, in order to highlight the growing need for concern and awareness about autism, the Autism Community Together (ACT) of Guam is celebrating "Autism Awareness Month" during the month of April 2022, and this year's theme is "Every Piece Matters – Accept & Support Autism"; and

WHEREAS, the Autism Community Together, which was formed in January 2004, has continued to spearhead an awareness effort in order to educate parents, professionals, and the general public about autism and its effects; and, various activities are being coordinated throughout the month of April 2022 to further these goals; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the Autism Community Together (ACT) for its efforts to promote autism awareness and provide support to families, and on the observance of "Autism Awareness Month" during the month of April 2022, with this year's theme: "Every Piece Matters – Accept & Support Autism"; and commend the members of ACT and the families and caregivers of all persons with autism for their unconditional love and dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, family members, and friends; 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 Ms. Evelyn San Agustin-Claros, President, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Josephine M.P. Blas, Vice-President, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Kristal K. Flores, Secretary, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Maydelene C. Ganan-Flores, Treasurer, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Marie Borja, Board Member, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Suzette Nelson, Board Member, Autism Community Together; to Ms. Joanne Perez Zanon, Board Member, Autism Community Together; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Maga'hågan Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 31<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2022.

  
THERESE M. TERLAJE  
Speaker

  
AMANDA L. SHELTON  
Legislative Secretary



4/7/22 3:14 PM



***I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2022 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 299-36 (LS)**

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2 cause for ASD, but increased awareness and funding can help families today; and

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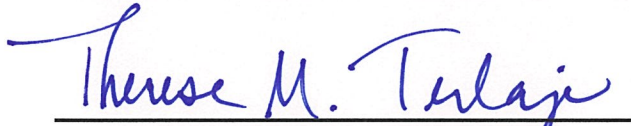
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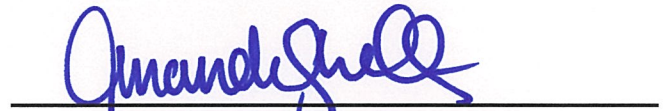
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**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE DAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OF MARCH 2022.**

  
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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary





Office of Senator

**AMANDA L. SHELTON**

*Legislative Secretary & Chairwoman*

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

*I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan • 36<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature*

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**April 1, 2022**

**MEMORANDUM**

**To: All Senators**

**36th Guam Legislature**

**From: Senator Amanda L. Shelton**

**Re: Presentation Notice for Resolution No. 299-36 (LS)**

*Buenas yan Håfa Adai!*

**Resolution No. 299-36 (COR) – Amanda L. Shelton** - Relative to recognizing and acknowledging those individuals who are affected by autism spectrum disorders, and commending their families and caregivers for their unconditional love and dedication to bettering the lives of their children, grandchildren, family members and friends; and to further commending Autism Community Together (ACT) for its efforts to promote autism awareness and to provide support to families, especially during the observance of “Autism Awareness Month” in the month of April 2022, and during their Annual Autism Awareness events to be held throughout April, with this year’s theme: “EVERY PIECE MATTERS – ACCEPT & SUPPORT AUTISM!”

**The presentation will take place on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. at the Front Courtyard of the Guam Congress Building.**

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

