

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE 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
305-37 (LS)	Amanda L. Shelton	Relative to recognizing Special Olympics Guam (SOGU) for hosting its "SOGU Track and Field Olympic Event"; and commending the organization for advocating for the needs and the potential of those with physical and developmental disabilities through having the "Special Olympics Games," and promoting awareness, sportsmanship, and camaraderie on Guam.	1/24/24 11:22 a.m.	3/23/24 8:00 a.m.	1/24/24					

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Introduced by

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WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of inclusion within Guam's community, Ms. Delrina Baza spearheaded the efforts to extend the Special Olympics to Guam; and former First Lady Madeleine Z. Bordallo helped the Guam Special Olympics become a reality in 1976; and

WHEREAS, the first (1st) Guam Special Olympics was organized by Ms. Baza, along with the staff and faculty of Chief Brodie Memorial School; and it was held at the John F. Kennedy High School Gene Ramsey Field and hosted one hundred fifty (150) athletes participating from around the island; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Special Olympics grew exponentially with the help of their dedicated partner organizations and volunteers, and it began to include various other events and hosted hundreds of new athletes and coaches; and

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WHEREAS, the SOGU organization is all about showing respect, dignity, and compassion which provides a healthy, happy, safe, and inclusive environment for athletes with the help of the island community. The revolution of inclusion is a mindset, a movement, and a goal for everyone to open their minds and commit to including people with intellectual disabilities, recognizing their abilities and not their disabilities; and

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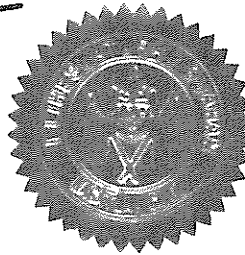
RESOLVED, that *I Mina Trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize Special Olympics Guam (SOGU) for hosting its Track and Field Olympic Event; and commend the organization for advocating for the needs and the potential of those with physical and developmental disabilities through having the "Special Olympics Games," and promoting awareness, sportsmanship, and camaraderie on Guam; 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 Special Olympics Guam; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Moqa'haqan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 24TH DAY OF JANUARY 2024.


 TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
 Acting Speaker


 AMANDA L. SHELTON
 Legislative Secretary



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2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

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TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker



AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



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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

March 11, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators
37th Guam Legislature

From: Senator Amanda L. Shelton

Re: Presentation Notice for Resolution No. 305-37 (LS) 

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of **Resolution No. 305-37 (LS) – Amanda L. Shelton**. – “Relative to recognizing Special Olympics Guam (SOGU) for hosting its “SOGU Track and Field Event”; and commending the organization for advocating for the needs and the potential of those with physical and developmental disabilities through having the “Special Olympics Games” and promoting awareness, sportsmanship, and camaraderie on Guam.”

The presentation will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at 8:00 a.m., at Okkodo High School.

We look forward to your participation and attendance.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'.

