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Resolution No. 189-30(25)
Introduced by:

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JUDITH WON PAT
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Relative to commending and recognizing the volunteers, social workers, donors, supporters, administration and staff of Catholic Social Service on their Thirtieth (30th) Year of Service to the people of Guam and Micronesia.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Catholic Social Service (CSS) is a non-profit non-stock social service agency arm of the Archdiocese of Hagatna and was established on April 3, 1979 to provide services to the poor, the elderly and disadvantaged individuals; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Social Service, modeled after the example and messages of Jesus that each human being is of infinite value, is dedicated to the dignity of the human person with its aim to encourage spiritual, intellectual, economical and social development of individuals and families of the Island of Guam; and

WHEREAS, an appointed 15 members dedicated Board of Directors has been guiding Catholic Social Service since 1979 and continues to do so up to the present; and

WHEREAS, the mission statement of Catholic Social Service is to enable individuals to develop his / her potential; to develop a comprehensive range of human services; to promote social justice and work to effect change; to assist the poor, the disadvantaged and marginalized; to affirm cultural diversity and collaborative efforts to promote relationships in keeping with

Christian ideals; and to protect the environment of all Micronesian Islands;
and

WHEREAS, Catholic Social Service has provided our community with the following much needed programs and services:

- "Isa" Residential Treatment Center providing counseling and treatment for drug and alcohol related clients from 1979-80;
- "Food Bank" provides emergency food to the needy since November 1990;
- "ALEE I" provides shelter to victims of family violence since January 1981;
- "ALEE II" provides shelter for abused and neglected children since 1983;
- "Case Management" provides casework for the elderly in need of an advocate to network needed services since October 1981;
- "Thrift Shop" provides second-hand merchandise sales and distribution outlet to assist those in need of emergency clothing and household items since July 1983;
- "Father David A. Quitugua Foundation" provides financial assistance to those diagnosed with catastrophic illnesses that need off-island care since March 1986;
- "Finger Painting" services for employment and immigration validation since June 1986;
- "Elderly Nutrition" daily meal service for the manamko in designated sites, as well as the homebound since December 1986 to September 2003.
- "Qualified Designated Agency" (QDA) under the Amnesty Program from January 1987-92;
- Patient Meals provider for the Guam Memorial Hospital from November 1987 to September 1991;
- "Youth Program" for the de-institutionalization of youthful status offenders (ages 7-17) from June 1986 to April 1991;
- "Guma San Jose I" provided temporary housing for the homeless from July 1988-93;
- "Guma San Jose II" provides emergency housing for the homeless since April 1990;

- "In Home Service" merged with Homemaker provides home & chore services, supervision & personal care to family members who take care of their elderly relations since September 1988;
- "Supported Employment Program" provided job training to disabled adults from October 1990-September 1995;
- "Guma Sagrada Familia" provides an emergency receiving home hotline and shelter to abused elderly and disabled adults since May 1991;
- "Employees Fund-raising Initiative for CSS Programs and Building Fund" to help support the building which houses offices of CSS programs since 1994;
- "Archdiocese Livelihood Improvement Foundation" (ALIF) extends small loans to improve the livelihood of residents whose household income is fifty percent (50%) below the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Adjusted Median Income since January 1995 to September 1999.
- "Americorps" Program (National Service Movement) offered training for volunteers and stipends including college financial awards after completion of seventeen hundred (1700) hours of volunteer service from July 1995-September 1997;
- "Adult Day Care I" and "Adult Day Care II" provides daily care for frail elderly from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays since October 1995 and October 1997, respectively;
- "Transitional Home/Guma Pelegrino" program provided a temporary place for the homeless from April 1996-March 1999;
- "Community Habilitation Program" provides daily care and developmental training for disabled persons since May 1996;
- "Respite Care" provides 16 hours of time-out support relief to caretakers of disabled individuals since May 1996;
- "Guidance and Counseling Services" provided after hours / weekend / holidays crisis intervention intake emergency / rape crisis counseling from March 1997-February 1999;
- "Work Activity Program" provided work activity, vocational evaluation and work stimulation to disabled individuals through supervised training from June 1998 to February 1999;

- "KARIDAT I & II " provides a 24-Hour Residential Placement and Support Service for Minors and adults with mental retardation, developmental disabilities with or without severe behavioral challenges since October 1998.
- "LIHENG I and LIHENG II Transitional Home Program (Learning by Integrating Housing with extended Needs and Goals)" provides short term assisted housing and employment training to the economically disadvantaged families since January 1999;
- "HOUSING COUNSELING" provides individual and group counseling sessions. Focusing on resolving financial crisis, the home buying process, setting up a budget, the importance of good credit since 2001;
- "GUMA HINEMLO" provides a 24-Hour Homecare for adults, with serious mental illness who at time of admission were determined to be homeless are clinically stable, but are not able to live independently without supervision since 2007; and

WHEREAS, the many Catholic Social Service programs and services are entirely supported by grants, contracts, entitlements and donations of our caring and generous community; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, extend its sincerest *Dankolo Na Si Yu'ose Ma'ase* to the Catholic Social Services staff numbering two hundred(250); the management led by Executive Director Cerila M. Rapadas and Deputy Director Leo G. Casil; the Board of Directors – Benjamin Pablo, Mechille Santos, Dennis Rodriguez, Mark Ruth, Rodney Jacobs and Diana Calvo; Monsignor David Quitugua, Barbara Jacala, Dr. Consolocian Trinidad, The Honorable Vernon Perez, Judge Superior Court of Guam, Lina Leon Guerrero, Angelina Mummert and Margaret Artero; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify and the Chairperson of the Executive Committee certify , and the Secretary of the Legislature attests to, the adoption hereof, and that copies be transmitted to CSS Executive Director Cerila M. Rapadas; to the Most Reverend Anthony Sablan Apuron, OFM Cap, D.D., Archbishop of Hagatna and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I *Maga'lahaen Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS DAY OF SEPTEMBER _____, 2009.

JUDITH WON T. PAT
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA MUNA-BARNES
Legislative Secretary