

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 445-30 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating Rosario Enriquez Cruz on her retirement from the Department of Public Health and Social Services Dental Program, to extending *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to her for dedicating thirty eight (38) years of distinguished public service to the people of Guam, and to further extending best wishes to her on her future endeavors.

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1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTA NA

2 LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

3 WHEREAS, Rosario Enriquez Cruz was born in Bataan, Philippines and moved to
4 Guam in 1964 with her parents Ruppert and Cinderella Nightingale of Yigo, attended Andersen
5 Elementary School (now known as Upi Elementary School), Wettengel Junior High School and
6 Dededo Junior High School (now known as Benavente Middle School), and received her high
7 school diploma from John F. Kennedy High School in 1971; and

8 WHEREAS, Rosario Enriquez Cruz has been married to Raul Cruz since 1979 and
9 resides in the Village of Yigo; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz attended the University of Guam School of Applied
11 Technology in 1972 and received a certificate from the Dental Auxiliary Training Program, a
12 one year certification program in the Techniques and Theory of Dental Assisting; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz was a member of the second group of 16 students
14 who completed the training program, which ran from 1971-1975; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz started her career as a Dental Health Specialist II at
16 the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) on August 13, 1972, working at
17 the Inarajan Health Center where she worked for three years with five dentists from the U.S.
18 Public Health Service Corps and 16 dental health specialists before moving to Central Public
19 Health in Mangilao in 1975, when the facility first opened its doors; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz, along with her fellow classmates RitaRose N.A.
21 Cruz, Fe L.G. Mendiola, and Anne Santos Salas have worked at the Department of Public
22 Health and Social Services Dental Program since they graduated in 1972; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz prepared all fields of operation for the dentists by
24 setting out instruments and supplies that would be needed in the treatment of the patients,
25 assisted dentists in dental procedures, provided safety measures to protect the patients, dentists
26 and public from potential contaminants, ensured accuracy of patient information, tested
27 patients for hypertension and diabetes to confirm that they were cleared for dental procedures,
28 and educated patients on proper oral hygiene practices and taking their medications as
29 prescribed by their physician or dentist; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz was responsible for ordering and maintaining the
31 dental supplies in the dental clinic, ensuring that supplies were stocked so that services were

32 not interrupted or hampered, assisted in the training of expanded duties and the use of
33 materials for the less experienced dental health specialists; and

34 **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz contributed her time and services in helping to
35 provide care for the dental needs of the Southeast Asian refugees during *Operation New Life*
36 from April 3, 1975-September 3, 1975 on Guam, during which about 110,000 refugees were
37 brought to Guam to be processed before being sent to the U.S. Mainland to begin new lives; and

38 **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz continued donating her time by helping the DPHSS
39 Food Stamp Program process food stamps during times of emergencies caused by natural
40 disasters like Super-Typhoon Pamela (1976), Super-Typhoon Omar (1992), Super-Typhoon Paka
41 (1997) and Super-Typhoon Chata'an (2002) during which she worked 12-16 hour days for
42 several days to process applications, and received a certificate of appreciation from the
43 administration for her time and hard work; and

44 **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz worked at Central Public Health from 1975 to 1986,
45 before moving to the Northern Region Community Health Center Dental Clinic in Dededo,
46 where she worked from 1986 to 2001, during which she was promoted to Dental Health
47 Specialist III; and

48 **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz participated in a 1986 dental survey, in which the
49 results were published in a 1994 issue of the Public Health Dental Journal titled "*Evaluation of*
50 *Guamanian Dental Caries Preventive Programs after 13 Years,*" and

51 **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz moved back to Central Public Health in 2001 when
52 the Dededo Dental Clinic closed due to a shortage of staff, and worked in Mangilao until her
53 retirement on September 24, 2010 and

54 **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz was involved in the Guam Fluoride Varnish
55 Program in which the dental staff applied fluoride varnish to children five years and younger to
56 prevent dental caries; and

57 **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz traveled to various Head Start centers located in 20
58 elementary schools throughout the island, visited daycares, participated in immunization
59 outreach with the nursing staff, and attended health fairs at the malls to apply fluoride varnish
60 to children; and

61 **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz was a member of the medical and dental team that
62 participated in St. Paul's Church's 2009 Medical Mission to Vietnam and Cambodia, she helped
63 take care of the dental needs of hundreds of people in those two countries who otherwise
64 would have continued suffering because of their inability to afford such services; and

65 **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz was chosen to be the fire marshal for the dental
66 clinic and was responsible for the safe evacuation of the dental staff in times of a fire drill or fire
67 emergency; and

68 **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz participated in various extracurricular activities
69 outside her normal duties and volunteered in projects like the *2007 Island Wide Immunization*
70 *Survey* which aimed to determine if children were up to date with their immunizations, *2008*
71 *Homeless Coalition Survey* where she and other volunteers traveled throughout the island
72 interviewing the homeless to determine their needs, *2009-2010 H1N1 Mass Vaccinations* that
73 were held in various locations all over the island to ensure that the people were protected from
74 the H1N1 virus, and the *2009 Homeless Point-In-Count* where volunteers tried to count the
75 number of homeless people on the island; now, therefore, be it

76 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee of Rules of *I Mina' Trenta Na Lihelslaturan*
77 *Guåhan*, does hereby acknowledge that Rosario Enriquez Cruz is an important asset to
78 our island community, with her immeasurable contributions and selfless devotion to
79 providing care and services to those in need and giving thirty eight (38) years of service
80 to the people of Guam; and be it further

81 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
82 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
83 the same be thereafter transmitted to Rosario Enriquez Cruz, Department of Public
84 Health and Social Services; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen*
85 *Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN
GUÅHAN ON THIS 24th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2010.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary