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**Relative to recognizing, commending and extending a warm
Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase' to Ms. Cerina Y.
Mariano for her hard work and dedication to the people of
Guam and the Guam Comprehensive Cancer Control
Program (GCCCP) under the Bureau Of Community
Health Services (BCHS), Division of Public Health,
Department of Public Health and Social Services.**

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, since November 2007, Ms. Cerina Y. Mariano has worked as the
4 Program Coordinator for the Guam Comprehensive Cancer Control Program

1 (GCCCCP) under the Bureau of Community Health Services (BCHS), Division Of
2 Public Health, Department Of Public Health And Social Services; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Cerina has been instrumental in the work of GCCP, a federal
4 program funded by the Centers for Communicable Disease Control and Prevention
5 (CDC), whose primary goals are to prevent and reduce exposure to cancer risk factors;
6 to improve access to and utilization of cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment, and
7 related services; to enhance the quality of life for cancer survivors; to advocate for
8 sustainable funding programs; and to promote a social and policy environment that is
9 conducive to healthy lifestyles; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Mariano has been actively involved in the advocacy efforts
11 for cancer and tobacco prevention and control efforts for the island of Guam, taking
12 the lead in developing the first Guam Cancer Plan, Guam Cancer Facts and Figures,
13 and the Cancer Passport Guide; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the first Guam Cancer Plan serves as the blueprint in
15 implementing efforts which span the cancer continuum, addressing prevention,
16 screening and treatment, data and research, policy and advocacy, and survivorship;
17 and the Cancer Passport Guide provides general information about cancer, treatment
18 options, questions you should ask your doctor, resources on Guam, and “messages of
19 hope” or advice from a few of Guam’s cancer survivors. The Cancer Passport Guide is
20 also given, for distribution, to all physicians and clinics that diagnose patients; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Cerina has exemplified the traits of a true public servant,
22 dedicating her time and endless efforts pulling people from all walks of life to help
23 sustain the efforts of the Guam Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition, which
24 works collaboratively in addressing and pursuing cancer prevention and control
25 activities in our community; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Cerina has also shown her exemplary advocacy work in her role
2 and participation in the passage of Public Law 30-80, the biggest success in tobacco
3 prevention and control efforts, which increased the taxes on tobacco products in Guam
4 by two hundred percent (200%). Included in the provision was the creation of a
5 Cancer Trust Fund, which provides financial support to cancer patients through
6 community-based organizations which serve cancer patients and the Guam Cancer
7 Registry, with a percentage of the monies collected from the tobacco taxes allocated to
8 government health departments; and

9 **WHEREAS**, as a result of Cerina’s work with the passage of Public Law 30-
10 80, the Asian Pacific Partners for Empowerment, Advocacy & Leadership (APPEAL)
11 awarded the Guam Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition for their efforts in
12 successfully advocating for the tobacco tax increase, which has been recognized as
13 one of the largest one-time tobacco tax increases in the nation; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Cerina has been pivotal in empowering the Guam Cancer Control
15 Coalition to achieve all of these accomplishments, and has helped to ensure the
16 successful day-to-day operations of the coalition; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Mariano’s proven leadership skills and professional
18 background in Social Work have been an invaluable asset to the Department of Public
19 Health and Social Services because of her introduction of innovative ideas to improve
20 the operations and effectively implement various prevention programs within the
21 Bureau of Community Health Services; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Cerina will be departing from the Department of Public Health
23 and Social Services to continue her advocacy work for the improved health of the
24 people of Guam at the Pacific Island Health Officer’s Association; now therefore, be it

25 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’ Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
26 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize, commend and extend a warm *Un*

1 *Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to Ms. Cerina Y. Mariano for her work and
2 contributions to the Department of Public Health and Social Services, and the people
3 of Guam; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
5 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms.
6 Cerina Y. Mariano; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 16TH DAY OF MARCH 2012.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Acting Legislative Secretary