

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to commending and congratulating Mrs. Teresita D. Catahay on the occasion of her retirement from the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services; and to further extending a warm *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ásé* to her for her dedication and commitment to serving the people of Guam.

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

1 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Teresita D. Catahay, fondly known as “Terry,” has been
2 employed with the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services
3 (DPHSS) since 1991, following her transfer from the Guam Department of
4 Education, where she worked with the Head Start Program for about seven (7)
5 years; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Terry is married to Ed Catahay; and she has a daughter, Teryn,
7 among her stepsons and grandchildren; and

8 **WHEREAS**, initially, Terry worked with the Job Opportunities and Basic
9 Skills (JOBS) Program as a Social Worker at the DPHSS Bureau of Economic
10 Security (BES), and she was eventually promoted to a Social Services Supervisor I
11 to supervise the Medically Indigent Program Eligibility Unit at the Bureau of
12 Health Care Financing Administration (BHCFA); and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 1997, Terry transferred to the Bureau of Social Services
14 Administration (BOSSA), where she supervised the Family Preservation and
15 Family Support Services Units. In 2007, she was promoted to a Social Services
16 Supervisor II, and she was designated to have oversight of the Work Programs
17 Section with the Bureau of Economic Security for a period of at least six (6)
18 months; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Terry eventually returned to the Bureau of Social Services
20 Administration (BOSSA) to oversee the Home Evaluation and Placement Services,
21 and Family Services Sections. These Sections provide services for adoption,
22 conducting both on and off island Home Studies for adoption, custody, termination
23 of parental rights and suitability of placements, in addition to the licensing and
24 monitoring of Child Care Facilities and Family Foster Homes; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Terry’s staff will attest to her strict work ethics and
26 organization, but are mostly appreciative of the knowledge and skills that she has

1 for the policies in the work that they do. She would impose upon them to take up
2 the challenges in the work that they do so that they will grow and develop in their
3 career field; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in her capacity, Terry also provided representation for BOSSA
5 on the Sugar Plum Tree Board, an organization that has been annually providing
6 Christmas gifts to foster children, among the other needy population in the
7 community; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in addition, Terry has also been in the Project *Karinu* work
9 group and in the Head Start Advisory Council, representing BOSSA as a
10 collaborative partner in ensuring services to young children; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Terry has also been a part of other work groups and
12 committees involved in the various child care initiatives that worked on the
13 development plan, and the child care development fund projects, among other
14 development of program policies and services; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Terry has been consistently rated as Outstanding in her work
16 performances. Her supervisors will validate that she can produce outcomes for
17 specific tasks and meet deadlines. She has been resourceful and will diligently
18 conduct the research necessary to formulate policies. She has also been placed in
19 the acting capacity of the Human Services Administrator as needed; now therefore,
20 be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
22 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Mrs. Teresita
23 D. Catahay on the occasion of her retirement from the Guam Department of Public
24 Health and Social Services; and does further extend a warm *Un Dångkolo Na Si*
25 *Yu'os Ma'åse'* to her for her dedication and commitment to serving the people of
26 Guam; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest
2 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
3 Teresita D. Catahay; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen*
4 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary