Relative to recognizing Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt, Ph.D, Professor of Library Science and Micronesian Studies, University of Guam, on his retirement; and to further honoring him for his accomplishments in academic research, his work in the compilation, recordation and publication of the history of Guam and Micronesia, and in the development of guampedia.com, Guam’s first online encyclopedia.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA’TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, after receiving his Masters of Arts in English in 1981 from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt enlisted in the
United States Peace Corps and began his service in education and learning in the Pacific as an English Lecturer at the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji, from 1983 to 1985; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt embraced the “Ocean World” culture in Fiji, which inspired him to pursue a second (2nd) Masters of Arts Degree in Library and Information Studies from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt enveloped research interests in Pacific Bibliographic Studies, Cross Cultural Studies of Information and Knowledge, Technology Transfer, Pacific Library History, Communal and Indigenous Contexts, and Theory Development; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt continued his research in Guam and assumed a position at the University of Guam as a Reference Librarian at the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library, beginning his academic research of Guam and Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt became a Professor of Library Science and Micronesian Studies, and he was charged with the responsibility of overseeing the operations of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library at the University of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt received his Doctorate in Library and Information Studies from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1997, where he presented his dissertation entitled: “Tacking into Context: The Roots of LSCA Public Library Services in Micronesia among the Oral Heritages and Changes of an Ocean World”; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt would continue to devote his life to academic research leading him to initiate and spearhead the development of “Guampedia.com” with regard to the planning of the encyclopedia structure,
including the content of the encyclopedia entries covered in sixteen (16) subject areas related to Guam’s history and culture. Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt envisioned that the primary contribution of “Guampedia.com” is to provide quality information on Guam’s history and culture, and that is available to all free of charge; and


WHEREAS, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt’s forthcoming publications are: “A History of Guam’s Historiography: The Influence of Isolation and Discovery”, Pacific Asia Inquiry-Multidisciplinary Perspectives, and “Pacific Ethnomathematics: The Richness of Environment and Practice”, Journal of Mathematics and Culture (Journal of the North American Study Group on Ethnomathematics), forthcoming, Volume 6, Number 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt used his experience and knowledge to write grants resulting in the acquisition of Four Hundred Eleven Thousand Dollars ($411,000) from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH); and One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars ($129,000) from the U.S. Department of Interior, which was used to create Guampedia.com, and to make significant progress in the content of the online encyclopedia; and
WHEREAS, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt was the past Editor-in-Chief for Guampedia.com for seven (7) years, and he currently serves as Guampedia’s Humanities Scholar, ensuring the academic integrity of the website, and he was the past Treasurer and Secretary for the Guampedia Foundation Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt also served on many local boards, to include the Guam Humanities Council Board of Directors (1998 to 2007), and was its Chairman (2004 to 2006); Chairman of the Grants Review Committee (1999 to 2005), in which he enabled the successful completion of numerous humanities projects related to the Chamorro people and the history of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt currently serves as the Chairman on a wide range of UOG Committees, to include the Graduate Curricula Review Committee and University Faculty Senate; and he is a Senior Affiliate for the Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) Organization in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt has been recognized with many awards to honor him for his tremendous contributions to Guam’s history, and to praise him for his humbleness, his selflessness, and the distinguished character that he radiates; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, highly recognize Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt, Ph.D., for his more than twenty (20) years of service with the University of Guam, does commend him for his tremendous leadership and contributions in the education and research of Guam’s history, and in the continued growth of Guampedia.com; and does further congratulate him and wish him well on the occasion of his retirement; 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 Dr.
Nicholas J. Goetzfridt, Ph.D.; to the Honorable Robert A. Underwood, President of the University of Guam; to Dr. Kimberly Kehling, Executive Director of the Guam Humanities Council; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Mga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 31ST DAY OF AUGUST 2011.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Legislative Secretary