

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 477-31 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and commending the St. Dominic's Senior Care Home on the occasion of its Twenty-fifth (25th) Year Anniversary; and to further extending a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to the staff and management of the facility for their service and dedication to Guam's elderly community.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI***
2 ***UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:**

1 **WHEREAS**, in November of 1982, †Archbishop Felixberto Flores donated the
2 land in *Barrigada* Heights where the St. Dominic’s Senior Care Home is located
3 today. The land was originally donated by †Rosa Flores to the Archdiocese of *Agana*,
4 with the request to build a home for the aged on Guam; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the groundbreaking and laying of the cornerstone ceremonies for the
6 St. Dominic’s Senior Care Home took place on October 13, 1984, and were officiated
7 by then Auxiliary Bishop Anthony S. Apuron, OFM^{Cap}, DD. The facility was
8 designed by Architect †Alfredo Arizala, and constructed by the Asanuma
9 Construction Company; and

10 **WHEREAS**, on October 11, 1986, Archbishop Anthony Apuron, OFM^{Cap}, DD,
11 officiated the solemn blessing at the inauguration of the facility, and †Sister Maria Fe
12 Dural was appointed as the first Administrator of the St. Dominic’s Senior Care
13 Home. The blessing ceremony was attended by †Governor Ricardo Bordallo; local
14 dignitaries; the Superior General of the Dominican Sisters, Sister Maria Luisa
15 Manteca; and Religious Sisters from Taiwan and Guam; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the St. Dominic’s Senior Care Home was officially opened on July
17 11, 1987 and received its first residents, with most of them coming from the Guam
18 Memorial Hospital; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Sister Emelita Cinco, the current Administrator of the home, was
2 appointed to that position in March of 2003 after Sister Maria Fe Dural had passed
3 away following heart surgery in the Philippines; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the St. Dominic’s Senior Care Home was extensively damaged in the
5 aftermath of Supertyphoon *Pongsona* on December 8, 2002, and it underwent major
6 improvements and renovations; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the St. Dominic’s Senior Care Home is a sixty (60) bed facility that
8 is designated as an intermediate care facility (ICF). The residents who are admitted
9 and cared for are elderly people who cannot care for themselves, but whose level of
10 care is below the acute and skilled nursing level. These elderly people usually suffer
11 from a variety of diseases, such as hypertension, diabetes, dementia and stroke; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the caregivers at the St. Dominic’s Senior Care Home offer
13 Intermediate Care Nursing Services and Short-term Respite Care Services; and

14 **WHEREAS**, since its inception twenty-five (25) years ago, the St. Dominic’s
15 Senior Care Home has admitted five hundred forty-nine (549) residents into its
16 facility. The average age of the residents is seventy-eight (78), and there are currently
17 thirty-five (35) women and twenty-three (23) men residing in the home and being
18 cared for; now therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’Trentai Unu Na*
20 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people

1 of Guam, recognize and commend the St. Dominic's Senior Care Home on the
2 occasion of its Twenty-fifth (25th) Year Anniversary; and does further extend a sincere
3 *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* to the staff and management of the facility for their
4 service and dedication to Guam's elderly community; and be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
6 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
7 the same be thereafter transmitted to Sister Emelita Cinco, Administrator of the St.
8 Dominic's Senior Care Home; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'laha*
9 *Guahan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 7TH DAY OF
AUGUST 2012.**



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