

I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Resolution No. 273-31 (cor)

Introduced By:

R.J. Respicio *Remy J. Respicio*  
T.R. Muña Barnes *T.R. Muña Barnes*

**Relative to commending and congratulating Joseph Norita Camacho for his nomination and confirmation to serve as the first Refaluwasch Superior Court Judge for the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas.**

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

**WHEREAS**, Judge Joesph Norita Camacho is an indigenous son of the Marianas Archipelago and has given his life to serve his fellow citizens living at home and in the Marianas region; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Camacho is the son of Vicente (Ben Dinga) Tudela Camacho and Marcella Lieto Norita Camacho. He is married to Attorney Viola Alepuyo, and they have one son, Ulen Joseph Vicente Alepuyo Camacho; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Joesph Norita Camacho graduated from Marianas High School in 1987, then went on to earn his Associate of Arts Degree from the Northern Marianas College in 1992 and his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from San Jose State University in 1994. He continued his studies and obtained a Master of Public Administration from Seattle University in 1998 and obtained his Juris Doctorate from Gonzaga University School of Law in 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Joseph Norita Camacho is admitted to practice law in the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Commonwealth Courts; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008, Judge Joseph Norita Camacho was elected to the 17th CNMI House of Representatives and was unanimously chosen by his colleagues to serve as the Floor Leader; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Joseph Norita Camacho lead one of the largest law practices in the CNMI during his practice as one of the Commonwealth's leading criminal defense attorney's for over ten (10) years before his appointment to the bench; and

**WHEREAS**, I Liheslaturan Guahan is proud to recognize, and commend Governor Benjamin Repeki Fitial of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas for his nomination of Joesph Norita Camacho to the Superior Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the House and Senate of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas voted unanimously to confirm Governor Fitial's nomination of Joesph Norita Camacho to the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Joseph Norita Camacho's vocation as an attorney and a public servant has been rooted in his pursuit of social, economic and environmental justice for all of the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Joseph Norita Camacho possesses the skills, talents, and insight? essential to supporting fair and effective government, jurisprudence and to furthering the well being of the Commonwealth and her people; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Judge Joseph Norita Camacho for his nomination and confirmation to the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Superior Court; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attests to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter be transmitted to Judge Joseph Norita Camacho, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Governor Benjamin Repeki Fitial, and the Honorable Edward B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS \_\_TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2011.**

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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  
Speaker

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TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES  
Legislative Secretary