

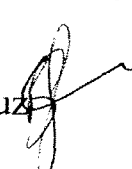
I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2011 (SECOND) REGULAR SESSION

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Resolution No. 314-31 (LS)

Introduced By:

B.J.F. Cruz



**RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING LYDIA DIAZ TENORIO, BUREAU OF SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR, GUAM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES ON THE OCCASION OF HER RECEIPT OF THE 2012 ADMINISTRATION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSIONER'S AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP IN THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT AND TO HONOR HER FOR HER EXEMPLARY SERVICE IN CHILD WELFARE FOR OVER 30 YEARS.**

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Lydia Diaz Tenorio began her government career as a Social  
4 Worker in 1982 and has assumed increased responsibilities in various positions  
5 now serving as Administrator for the Department of Public Health and Social  
6 Services Bureau of Social Services Administration (BOSSA); and

7 **WHEREAS**, Lydia Diaz Tenorio has exhibited outstanding leadership in  
8 the field of child welfare and of human services on Guam throughout her years of  
9 service always advocating for solutions working out of the "silos" to complex  
10 children, youth and family problems; and

11 **WHEREAS**, many task forces, councils and inter-disciplinary teams have  
12 benefited from the commitment and dedication of Lydia Diaz Tenorio over the  
13 years including the Military Family Advocacy Committee , the Sexual Assault

1 Response Team Steering Committee, and the Healing Hearts Center serving for  
2 over 20 years; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Lydia Diaz Tenorio is a founding member of the Foster  
4 Families Association ensuring support and promoting the mission of the  
5 organization to help recruit foster families and support the children while in foster  
6 care; and

7 **WHEREAS**, there have been many partnerships forged through the efforts  
8 of Lydia Diaz Tenorio for and on behalf of BOSSA with community and nonprofit  
9 organizations to promote civic participation in the care of children such as the  
10 Kiwanis Club who sponsor Easter activities annually, the over 25 years of  
11 sponsorship with the Sugar Plum Tree who give gifts to children and elderly on  
12 Christmas, Harvest Christian Church who collaborate on foster care recruitment  
13 and with Sanctuary, Incorporated and Catholic Social Services who provide  
14 emergency shelter and residential care for homeless, abused and neglected  
15 children; and

16 **WHEREAS**, understanding the importance and professional responsibility  
17 to be participatory in policy, Lydia Diaz Tenorio has been active in the crafting of  
18 bills that support program and policies that will strengthen a comprehensive and  
19 responsive continuum of services for children and youth such as the child care  
20 standards legislation, the elimination of the statutes of limitations for the reporting  
21 of sexual assault against child victims, the establishment of a sexual assault  
22 prevention education curriculum in all public schools and the revision of Juvenile  
23 Justice codes including the Family Court and Child Protective Services Acts; and

24 **WHEREAS**, exhibiting good teamwork values and embracing the system of  
25 care concepts, Lydia Diaz Tenorio, assisted and contributed to the drafting and  
26 implementation of major federal grants such as from the Substance Abuse and  
27 Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to the Department of Mental

1 Health & Substance Abuse to serve adolescents with Serious Emotional  
2 Disturbances and a second grant to the Department of Public Health of Social  
3 Services to develop Guam's Early Childhood System of Care where she served as  
4 Interim Project Director providing much needed leadership to ensure the  
5 infrastructure was in place and in compliance with grant requirements; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on January 3, 2012, the United States Department of Health  
7 and Human Service, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, wrote to  
8 inform Lydia Diaz Tenorio that she was selected to receive Commissioner Bryan  
9 Samuels Award for exceptional contributions to the prevention and treatment of  
10 child abuse and neglect on Guam; and

11 **WHEREAS**, because of Lydia Diaz Tenorio's consistent and remarkable  
12 work for Guam's children and families, depicting a high standard of service and  
13 deep commitment to her island, she is an inspiration to her staff, her colleagues,  
14 and the many community partners she has worked with over the years locally,  
15 regionally and nationally; and Now Therefore be it,

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*  
17 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, highly  
18 recognize Lydia Tenorio for her recent receipt of a national award recognizing her  
19 for her leadership in the prevention of child abuse and neglect and for her 30 years  
20 of service with the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services and her  
21 overwhelming number of examples of extraordinary leadership and selfless  
22 contributions to the children, youth and families of Guam; and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the  
24 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Lydia  
25 Diaz Tenorio; to James Gillan, Director of the Department of Public Health and  
26 Social Services; to Ovita Perez, President of the National Association of Social

- 1 Workers (NASW) Guam Chapter, and to the Honorable Edward B. Calvo, *I*
- 2 *Maga'lahaen* *Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA  
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 1<sup>st</sup> Day of February, 2012.**

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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  
Speaker

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TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES  
Legislative Secretary