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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, social workers are advocates for the most vulnerable individuals of the community. They work under various agencies and organizations, from the government to non-profit organizations, who work with
individuals, families, and community groups, as agents in assisting in their needs; and

WHEREAS, the social work profession is significant to individuals’ success in the community, as its mission is to enhance human well-being and help the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of the vulnerable, the oppressed, and those living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) was established in 1955 through the consolidation of seven (7) organizations, including the American Association of Social Workers (AASW), the American Association of Psychiatric Social Workers (AAPSW), the American Association of Group Workers (AAGW), the Association for the Study of Community Organizations (ASCO), the American Association of Medical Social Workers (AAMSW), the National Association of School Social Workers (NASSW), and the Social Work Research Group (SWRG); and

WHEREAS, with 145,000 members, NASW is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world, whose primary functions include promoting the professional development of its members, establishing and maintaining professional standards of practice, advancing sound social policies, and providing services that protect its members and enhance their professional status. In addition, the social work profession is guided by six (6) core values and principles, namely: Service, Social Justice, Dignity and Worth of the Person, Importance of Human Relationships, Integrity and Competence, which are also approved by NASW to uphold the high standards of the profession; and

WHEREAS, on Guam, the National Association of Social Workers, Guam Chapter was established in 1999 through the efforts of Dr. Lisa Linda Natividad, Dr. Lilli Perez and Mr. J. Peter Roberto, who developed the proposal to the NASW Delegate Assembly for the creation of the Guam Chapter; and
WHEREAS, since 1999, the NASW Guam Chapter has significantly contributed to the island’s population who are in need of assistance. Some of their work includes providing support for advocacy to the National Family Caregiver Support Program and to children’s mental health needs through *I Famaguon’ta* and the Youth Enhancement Support (YES) programs. In addition, the Association continues to be an active participant in public policies, as shown through their support of Bill 185-30, which promoted domestic partnership for same sex couples. Recently, the NASW Guam Chapter worked hard in drafting the Social Work Practice Act, which later became Public Law 31-285. The Social Work Practice Act created a licensure statute that will enhance the social work mission on Guam and ensure that all individuals carrying the title of the profession are held to the same standards as the rest of the nation; and

WHEREAS, the island community continues to be grateful for the services and hard work of all social workers in continuing to improve the functioning and social conditions of the most vulnerable population on Guam. The support, care and assistance provided by the social work profession continuous to be an invaluable service in our community, and strengthens the cultural value of hospitality on our island; and

WHEREAS, the NASW Guam Chapter continuous to uphold the mission of the social work profession and ensure that the most vulnerable population of Guam is given the proper and adequate assistance they need; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Guam Chapter on the occasion of its 32nd Year Anniversary, and the observance of the month of March as “Professional Social Work Month”; and does further extend a warm *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’âse’* for the invaluable
service of the social workers in assisting to the needs of the most vulnerable population in our island community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ovita R. Perez, MSW, President, National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Guam Chapter; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY OF MARCH, 2013.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D
Speaker

RORY RESPICIO
Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary
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DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 15th DAY OF MARCH, 2013.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D
Speaker

RORY RESPICIO
Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary