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<td>Relative to commending and congratulating the Guam Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) as they celebrate their 30th Anniversary and extending a warm and sincere Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’us Ma’ase’ for their continued hard work and dedication in providing quality health care services to our island’s women, infants and children.</td>
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Relative to commending and congratulating the staff of the Guam Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) on the celebration of its 30th Year Anniversary; and to further extending a warm and sincere Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' for its continued hard work and dedication in providing quality health care services to our island’s women, infants and children.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) has administered the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and
WHEREAS, the Guam WIC Program is authorized by the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to provide supplemental foods and nutrition education to pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, and infants and young children up to five years of age; and

WHEREAS, for the past 30 years, the Guam WIC Program has targeted the goal of supporting the good health of Guam families through the provision of nutrition and lifestyle education, supplemental foods, and health care referrals to programs for any eligible recipients who are found to be at nutritional risk. The WIC Program works with families to promote changes in dietary and nutrition lifestyles due to poor pregnancy outcomes, less than optimal growth and development in infants and children, and a compromised healthy life preventing the individual from reaching his or her full potential; and

WHEREAS, the Guam WIC Program has promoted the Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Program (BFPC) as a special WIC support service offered to all WIC pregnant and breastfeeding women, as well as prenatal breastfeeding classes, one-on-one breastfeeding counseling, and post-partum breastfeeding classes. The Guam WIC Breastfeeding and Support Services is a national and local program for mothers who are breastfeeding exclusively; and

WHEREAS, the Guam WIC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) provides resources to women and children who are nutritionally at risk. They make fresh and nutritious foods, such as fruits and vegetables, available to the members of the Program while increasing the awareness and support to farmers’ markets; and

WHEREAS, WIC also works closely with the DPHSS Immunization, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Dental Services, Maternal and
Child’s Health (MCH), and other bureaus to help WIC families achieve a healthier life; and

WHEREAS, in addition, WIC works in collaboration with the University of Guam (UOG); Altarum, Inc.; Guam CEDDERS; Guam Early Intervention; and DPHSS bureaus in conducting training programs to achieve the Guam WIC goals and to accomplish its mission; and

WHEREAS, the WIC Program has grown over the years from having just one clinic at the Mangilao Public Health Center, with only four staff of two Nutritionists and two Nutrition Assistants, to the present day with five WIC Clinics, two of which are satellite clinics in Santa Rita and Inarajan, and the other three clinics located in Dededo, Mangilao and Tiyan, with a total of 36 staff members; and

WHEREAS, the staff of WIC has been working on various projects over the years to ensure that they continue to uphold the vision and mission of the WIC Program. WIC is involved with the Participant Centered Services (PCS), and has provided services to clients in promoting dietary lifestyle counseling, WIC nutritional assessment, individual dietary lifestyle counseling, individual counseling for any high risk medical or nutritional conditions, nutrition classes, breastfeeding support, private space for breastfeeding women, a tailored food package to serve as an example of nutritious foods with the nutrients breakdown, and other informational materials beneficial to the families; and

WHEREAS, the WIC Program also conducts ongoing training for staff members to ensure that good counseling skills and knowledge in nutrition is extended to the participants of the WIC Program. They also continue to support a special program to provide breastfeeding support to mothers by making breastfeeding peer counselors available to them; and
WHEREAS, nutrition continues to be their top priority, and the WIC Program looks for ways to upgrade the WIC foods available to WIC families, and expand the Farmers’ Market program to include as many farmers and WIC clients as possible. The Program also encourages regular physical activity to ensure the balance of nutrition and health in their lives; and

WHEREAS, with the WIC Program’s growing services, the staff assists in the improvement of WIC facilities to comfortably accommodate clients and facilitate their processing; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina’Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the staff of the Guam Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) on the celebration of its 30th Year Anniversary; and does further extend a warm Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’ for its continued hard work and dedication in providing quality health care services to our island’s women, infants and children; 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 the Guam Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program staff; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga’låhen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 20TH MAY OF MAY, 2013.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. 
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES 
Legislative Secretary