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Relative to commending Dr. Mariko L. Ishimori, MD, for her participation as a keynote speaker at the “Lupus: Learning and Living” Forum sponsored by the Lupus Awareness Group of Guam; and to further extending a warm and sincere Un Dåŋkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’ to her for her expert contributions to the lupus community of Guam.

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Mariko L. Ishimori, MD, is a staff physician with the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center’s Division of Rheumatology; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ishimori is board-certified in internal medicine and rheumatology. She serves as a full-time faculty member at Cedars-Sinai. She is currently a principal investigator for the Genetics and Hand Osteoarthritis Study (GHOST), a
research study, and other rheumatic diseases research projects, especially those involved with systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ishimori received her medical degree from the New York Medical College in Valhalla, New York. She completed her internal medicine residency and rheumatology fellowship at the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, with the ongoing efforts and initiatives of the Lupus Awareness Group of Guam, Dr. Ishimori extended her service to the individuals and families affected with lupus on Guam by sharing her expertise in the autoimmune disease; and

WHEREAS, lupus is a chronic, autoimmune disease that can damage any part of the body, including skin, joints, and/or organs inside the body. It is also a disease of flares and remissions, which can range from mid to life-threatening, and should always be treated by a doctor; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2013, Dr. Ishimori presented on “Advances in LUPUS Research & Treatment” during the “Lupus: Learning and Living” Forum, which is sponsored by the Lupus Awareness Group of Guam to provide additional information for individuals with lupus and their families to help them cope and be knowledgeable of available treatments for lupus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ishimori has been involved in various memberships in the medical field, such as being a member of the American College of Rheumatology Research and Education Foundation in 2012, the Osteoarthritis-Innovative Research Grant Review Sub-committee in 2011, and the Osteoarthritis Research Society International in 2010, to name a few. Dr. Ishimori is also currently a Reviewer for the Journal of the American College of Cardiology Imaging, the ACR/AHRP Annual Meeting Abstracts, and the Arthritis Care and Research, and Lupus. In addition, she has also done various publications related to lupus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ishimori’s research focus is on genetic susceptibility and environment risk for pathogenesis of rheumatic diseases; genome wide scanning and
environmental assessments to determine susceptibility and severity for hand osteoarthritis
and systematic lupus erythematosus; and pre-clinical biomarkers and patients reported
outcome measures as independent and dependent variables for disease outcome; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ishimori is also currently doing investigations on preclinical
autoimmunity biomarkers as indicators of genetic susceptibility to disease; genome wide
scanning and biomarker assessment; and heritability and symptom burden of hand
osteoarthritis; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ishimori’s role in the medical field is commendable throughout
the nation, and her expertise is greatly appreciated on the island of Guam, as a number of
residents of the island community are affected with lupus; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina’Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on
behalf of the people of Guam, commend Dr. Mariko L. Ishimori, MD, for her
participation as a keynote speaker at the “Lupus: Learning and Living” Forum sponsored
by the Lupus Awareness Group of Guam; and does further extend a warm Un Dângkolo
Na Si Yu’os Ma’ase’ to her for her expert contributions to the lupus community of Guam;
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 Dr. Mariko L.
Ishimori, MD; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga’låhen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA
LIHESLURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 21ST DAY OF MAY, 2013.

[Signatures]
BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary