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

WHEREAS, Monica “Mona” Marie Cruz was born on December 16, 1970. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro and Annie Frances Fernandez Cruz, and grew up in the village of *Yona* with three brothers and three sisters; and
WHEREAS, Mona has dedicated two decades of her life to a career with Sanctuary, Incorporated, a community-based organization which exists to improve the quality of life for Guam's youth, to promote reconciliation during times of family conflicts, to foster the development of responsible community members, and to advocate for their needs in an effort to preserve family unity by providing a multitude of services; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 1991, at the age of 20, Mona began her work with Sanctuary, Inc., serving as a House Parent with the COED Emergency Shelter; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 1997, Mona was promoted to a Residential Assistant with the Transitional Living Program, but her expertise was needed at the COED Emergency Shelter, where she transitioned back to on February 16, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mona has dedicated many years to working with runaway and homeless youth, and assisting with countless crises, paving the way to her promotion as a Crisis Intervention Worker and Administrative Coordinator on April 23, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mona ventured out of Sanctuary, Inc. in November of 2001, when she was blessed with a daughter on August 20, 2002; and she then realized her calling and she returned to Sanctuary on April 7, 2003, recommencing her position as a Residential Assistant; and

WHEREAS, Mona assisted with the creation of Sanctuary, Inc.’s drug and alcohol residential program in 2004, which then expanded to providing outpatient treatment to the youth; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2006, Mona then transitioned to the Family Support Specialist for the Home Instruction for Parents Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY); and
WHEREAS, Mona continued to show interest in working with youth who may be at risk of substance abuse, and she started serving as a Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist on October 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mona coordinated several parent and child “Too Cool to Do Drugs Conferences,” and she served as an advisor to the Youth Embracing Sanctuary (“YES”) Crew for four years to help mentor the youth in the shelters; and

WHEREAS, throughout Mona’s career in Sanctuary, she has received numerous specialized training and certifications to solidify her expertise; and

WHEREAS, the staff and clients of Sanctuary, Inc. will cherish the impact that Mona has made during the 20 years she has dedicated to the organization; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Lihesluran Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate Monica Marie Cruz for her 20 years of hard work, dedication and commitment with Sanctuary, Inc. in impacting the lives of the youth and families of Guam; and does further express our heartfelt appreciation and extend Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to her for her exemplary service, and wish her well in her future endeavors; 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 Ms. Monica Marie Cruz; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga’lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 19TH DAY OF JUNE 2013.

BENJAMIN J. F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker

THOMAS C. ADA
Acting Legislative Secretary