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

WHEREAS, Assistant United States Attorney Karon Johnson began working for the U.S. Attorney’s Office in April, 1989; and
WHEREAS, since then, U.S. Attorney Karon Johnson has prosecuted thousands of criminal cases, including immigration fraud, drug trafficking, the sale of counterfeit merchandise, official corruption, wire fraud, mail fraud, and environmental crimes; and

WHEREAS, with the help of NOAA special agent Chuck Raterman, U.S. Attorney Johnson established the first permanent reward program for people who turn in turtle poachers; and

WHEREAS, in November 1989, Karon began pursuing a non-work related activity, joining with Marie Chenery, Rebecca Tomzik, and others, to form an organization for abused/abandoned animals, calling it Guam Animals In Need (GAIN); and

WHEREAS, during the early years of GAIN, Karon and Marie Chenery literally held the organization together, protecting and saving animals that would otherwise have suffered, and some could have died; and

WHEREAS, in August 1990, Karon drafted an agreement between GAIN and the Department of Public Health and Social Services to allow GAIN to provide animal care, supplies and food at the government-run animal shelter; and

WHEREAS, in November 1993, in further caring for stray animals at GAIN, Karon donated a cat enclosure to the shelter; and during the winter of 2000, Karon obtained an $8,000 grant from the Gannett Foundation for Versa cages for cats; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2001, Karon and her spouse, Rob Kautz, worked with then-Governor of Guam Carl T.C. Gutierrez on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for GAIN to take responsibility of the animal shelter; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2002, GAIN paid One Dollar ($1) for a 30-year lease of the animal shelter, after Governor Gutierrez signed the lease agreement; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2005, legislation drafted by Karon and Guam legislators became Bill No. 56 (EC), to prevent animal suffering; and
WHEREAS, from February to April 30, 2005, Karon worked tirelessly with local contractors and businesses so that a typhoon-proof cat facility could be built; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2005, Father Patrick Castro blessed the Karon V. Johnson Cat Facility, with Karon’s efforts giving the cats and kittens a safe home; and

WHEREAS, from 2000 to 2007, Karon assisted the membership chairperson of GAIN to increase its membership from one hundred (100) to nearly five hundred (500) members; and

WHEREAS, from 2008 to 2009, Karon once again worked with contractors and businesses so that GAIN’s fragile puppy kennels could be typhoon-proofed; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Karon worked with GAIN members and Senator Judith P. Guthertz, DPA, to get Macon’s Law passed and signed; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 after the Guam Greyhound Rescue team rescued more than two hundred (200) greyhounds and shipped them off island, Karon worked with members and Senator V. Anthony Ada to get the ban on dog racing bill passed and signed into law; and

WHEREAS, Karon was always the “go to” person when the shelter needed supplies and equipment. She would spend nearly Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) yearly to make certain the animals were given whatever was needed to keep them happy and healthy; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Karon and Rob donated over $5,000 to Fur-Ever Kinda Love to provide necessary Project Pet Care funds for responsible pet care to island pet owners, with pets being given free rabies vaccinations and wormers, and having their nails trimmed, their ears cleaned, and their teeth checked; and

WHEREAS, from 2012 to 2013, Karon participated in the village to village Project Pet Care health clinics and distributed information and discounted spay and neuter coupons; and
WHEREAS, in September 2013, Karon and her spouse, Rob, sponsored the Fur-Ever’s first calendar, that was printed and sold to raise funds for future clinics, and their dedication to loving and assisting animals in need has always been at the top of their agendas; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina’Trentai Dos Na Lihesluran Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Lihesluran Guåhan and the people of Guam, commend and recognize Assistant United States Attorney Karon Johnson for her dedication and hard work with the GAIN Animal Shelter to protect and save many animals that would otherwise have needlessly perished, and for her generosity and love of domesticated animals and of our 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 Assistant United States Attorney Karon Johnson; 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 Lihesluran Guåhan on the 8th day of January 2014.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Legislative Secretary
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