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

WHEREAS, Bernadette Marie San Nicolas Chargualaf was born on May 19, 1955; and is the second child of †Vicente C. San Nicolas and Ana L. San Nicolas; and

WHEREAS, Bernadette Marie San Nicolas Chargualaf is married to Joseph G. Chargualaf, and they are members of the Hagåtña Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica Choir. They are blessed with a son, Mark Andrew S.N.
Chargualaf, and his wife Meghan; and are also blessed with two (2) beautiful
granddaughters, Gemma and Gianna; and

WHEREAS, Bernadette Marie San Nicolas Chargualaf is a 1973 graduate of
John F. Kennedy High School; and in 1979, she obtained a Bachelor of Science
Degree in Criminal Justice from Arizona State University; and

WHEREAS, Bernadette Marie San Nicolas Chargualaf began her career with
the Public Defender Service Corporation (PDSC) working as an Interviewer from
February 28, 1978, to April 22, 1979; and throughout her tenure with PDSC, she
was promoted to various positions, such as: Research Analyst, from April 23, 1979,
to May 3, 1980; Special Investigator, from May 4, 1980, to October 5, 1980; Special
Investigator II, from October 6, 1980, to October 3, 1981; Program Coordinator,
from October 4, 1981, to September 15, 1985; she returned to her position as
Special Investigator II, from September 16, 1985, to September 30, 1987; Special
Investigator III, from October 1, 1987, to June 4, 1989; Program Coordinator IV,
from June 5, 1989, to September 25, 1994; and was then promoted to her current
position as Administrative Director, on September 26, 1994; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her immediate duties and responsibilities as the
Administrative Director, Bernadette Marie San Nicolas Chargualaf also served as
the Board Secretary for the PDSC Board of Trustees, where she ensured that all
required documentation were always prepared, and notices were sent out prior to
each Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, Bernadette Marie San Nicolas Chargualaf was the Lead
Coordinator in the creation and establishment of the Alternate Public Defender
(APD) Office, where she succeeded in setting up the budget, the hiring of staff, and
the purchase of furniture and equipment; while also managing the relocation of the
PDSC office to their current location in Sinajana; and the completion of these huge
projects is attributed to her great organizational skills; and
WHEREAS, some of Bernadette Marie San Nicolas Chargualaf’s goals and objectives for PDSC and its staff included enhancing programs and activities within the divisions to provide for a more efficient and effective service delivery; working closely with the Legislative Chairperson who had oversight of her agency to ensure that the budget was prepared and submitted in a timely manner for each fiscal year; and to cultivate better working relationships amongst the PDSC staff to increase productivity and promote positive teamwork; and

WHEREAS, Bernadette Marie San Nicolas Chargualaf’s number one goal was to ensure that the employees were duly compensated pursuant to the initial Hay Study of 2011, the current Compensation Wage Act of 2014, and the Law Enforcement Pay Plan; and that once it was approved, that the implementation was completed. Lastly, she continued to strive to develop resources within PDSC that would benefit their clientele in order to improve PDSC’s public image; and

WHEREAS, due to her supportive and compassionate nature for the PDSC staff, Bernadette Marie San Nicolas Chargualaf was nominated by employee Joselito Marquez for supporting him during his military deployment, thus resulting in her recognition by the U.S. Army; this also made it easy for her to obtain the assistance of fellow co-workers for others in need of help. It has been said that, “Bennette may be firm, but she truly has a huge compassionate heart”; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2014, Bernadette Marie San Nicolas Chargualaf retired as the Administrative Director of the Public Defender Service Corporation; and she looks forward to waking up in the mornings with her precious granddaughters. Her institutional knowledge, motherly counseling and advice, support, and presence will be truly missed by her colleagues and the staff of PDSC; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina’Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize, congratulate and commend Bernadette Marie San Nicolas Chargualaf on the occasion of her retirement from the Public
Defender Service Corporation; and does further extend *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’âse’* to her for her thirty-six (36) years of faithful service to the people 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 Bernadette Marie San Nicolas Chargualaf; to Eric D. Miller, Executive Director, Public Defender Service Corporation; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 24TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2014.**

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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  TINA RÓSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker  Legislative Secretary