

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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8-35 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje	Relative to recognizing and congratulating Ms. Josephine O'Mallan on the occasion of her retirement after 34 years of dedicated, professional, and exceptional service to the Government of Guam, 31 years with the Department of Public Health and Social Services and three years with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; and to further extending a warm Un Dangkolo na Si Yu'os Ma'ase to her for her outstanding service to the people of Guam.	1/14/19 3:39 p.m.	1/19/19 6:30 p.m.						

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS**, Josephine O'Mallan, also known as Josie, is the daughter of †Fred
4 and Annie Taitague, and is sister to Fred Jr. and Trisha; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Josie is the wife of Michael O'Mallan and mother to Jace, Rosanna,
6 Brittney and Michael Jr., and the proud grandmother of grandson Shane, and resides in
7 the beautiful village of Ipan; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Josie pursued her education and earned her high school diploma
9 from Notre Dame High School in Talofofo, Guam, and her Bachelor of Arts Degree in
10 Psychology from the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota; and

11 **WHEREAS**, after graduating from college and returning to Guam, Josie began
12 her government career as a Social Worker I at the Department of Mental Health and

1 Substance Abuse on September 4, 1984, and was promoted to Social Worker II the
2 following year on August 25, 1986; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Josie accepted a lateral transfer and promotion to the Department
4 of Public Health and Social Services as Social Worker III in the HIV/AIDS Program on
5 April 4, 1988, starting her long and distinguished career in the department. In her new
6 role, she counselled clients with HIV and AIDS and educated family members on the
7 disease. She prepared surveillance reports, provided technical assistance to health
8 providers in the development of AIDS related services, applied for AIDS grants and
9 maintained the Countermeasure Tracking System; and

10 **WHEREAS**, on May 17, 1993, Josie became the Communicable Disease Control
11 (CDC) Coordinator Supervisor for the STD/HIV Program and ensured that the goals
12 and objectives of the STD/HIV grant were met, grant applications and required reports
13 were submitted on a timely basis, and STD/HIV staff complied with program
14 procedures and protocols; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Josie assumed her current position as CDC Program Administrator
16 for the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control (BCDC) on May 26, 1997, where she
17 has done an excellent job overseeing the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity
18 Program, the Foreign Quarantine and Enteric Disease Program, the Immunization
19 Program, STD/HIV Program, the Guam Public Health Laboratory (GPHL), the Public
20 Health and Emergency Preparedness Program, the Tuberculosis and Hansen's Disease
21 Control Program, and Central Pharmacy; and

22 **WHEREAS**, although Josie has had to deal with budget cuts, decreased grant
23 funding, personnel shortages, slow recruitment, cumbersome procurement, increasing
24 incidences of Tuberculosis and Syphilis on Guam, the programs in BCDC continue to
25 meet their mandates and in some cases, even surpassed expectations under her
26 outstanding leadership. In 2018, the Immunization Program received four awards

1 including three for improving vaccination coverage on Guam. The GPHL has been
2 CLIA certified since 2008 and in 2017 received zero deficiency during their 2017 CLIA
3 Recertification Inspection. She was able to procure a GeneXpert DX System for the
4 GPHL so that the STD/HIV Program can perform rapid testing procedures on their
5 clients so that health providers can manage their patients on a more timely basis. Josie
6 was successful in recruiting for a territorial epidemiologist for the department in 2018
7 after being vacant since 2004 with the retirement of Dr. Robert Haddock; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Josie is willing to take on additional duties including Acting Chief
9 Public Health Officer, Acting Administrator for the Bureau of Primary Care Services
10 and Acting Administrator for the Bureau of Family Health and Nursing Services,
11 sometimes all at the same time; and she has also volunteered her time to process clients
12 at immunization health fairs at the malls and in schools when needed; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the department is losing one of their most dedicated and
14 knowledgeable employees, the administration would like to wish Josie well and thank
15 her family for their endless sacrifice so that the people of Guam could live better and
16 healthier lives now, therefore be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Singko Na*
18 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
19 of Guam, recognize and congratulate Ms. Josephine O'Mallan on the occasion of her
20 retirement after 34 years of dedicated, professional, and exceptional service to the
21 Government of Guam, 31 years with the Department of Public Health and Social
22 Services and three years with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse;
23 and does further extend a warm Un Dangkolo na Si Yu'os Ma'ase to her for her
24 outstanding service to the people of Guam; and be it further;

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
26 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of

- 1 the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Josephine O'Mallan, to Ms. Linda Unpingco
2 Denorcey, Acting Director, the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services;
3 and to the Honorable Lourdes Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 19th DAY
OF January 2019.**

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary