

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2010 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 445-30 (COR)**

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**Relative to recognizing and congratulating Rosario Enriquez Cruz on her retirement from the Department of Public Health and Social Services Dental Program, to extending *Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to her for dedicating thirty-eight (38) years of distinguished public service to the people of Guam, and to further extending best wishes to her on her future endeavors.**

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

3           **WHEREAS,** Rosario Enriquez Cruz was born in Bataan, Philippines and  
4 moved to Guam in 1964 with her parents, Ruppert and Cinderella Nightingale  
5 of *Yigo*. She attended Andersen Elementary School (now known as *Upi*  
6 Elementary School), Wettengel Elementary School, and *Dededo* Junior High  
7 School (now known as Benavente Middle School), and received her high  
8 school diploma from John F. Kennedy High School in 1971; and

9           **WHEREAS,** Rosario Enriquez Cruz has been married to Raul Cruz since  
10 1979, and she resides in the Village of *Yigo*; and

11           **WHEREAS,** in 1972, Rosario Enriquez Cruz attended the University of  
12 Guam School of Applied Technology, where she received a certificate from  
13 the Dental Auxiliary Training Program, a one (1) year certification program in  
14 the Techniques and Theory of Dental Assisting, and she was a member of the  
15 second group of sixteen (16) students who completed the training program,  
16 which ran from 1971 to 1975; and

17           **WHEREAS,** Rosario Enriquez Cruz started her public service career as a  
18 Dental Health Specialist II at the Department of Public Health and Social  
19 Services (DPHSS) on August 13, 1972, working at the *Inarajan* Health Center,  
20 where she worked for three (3) years with five (5) dentists from the U.S. Public  
21 Health Service Corps, and sixteen (16) dental health specialists, before moving

1 to Central Public Health in *Mangilao* in 1975, when the facility first opened its  
2 doors; and

3         **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz, along with her fellow classmates  
4 RitaRose N.A. Cruz, Fe L.G. Mendiola, and Anne Santos Salas, have worked  
5 at the Department of Public Health and Social Services Dental Program since  
6 they graduated in 1972; and

7         **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz prepared all fields of operation for  
8 the dentists by setting out instruments and supplies that would be needed in  
9 the treatment of the patients, assisted dentists in dental procedures, provided  
10 safety measures to protect the patients, dentists and public from potential  
11 contaminants, ensured accuracy of patient information, tested patients for  
12 hypertension and diabetes to confirm that they were cleared for dental  
13 procedures, and educated patients on proper oral hygiene practices and  
14 taking their medications as prescribed by their physician or dentist; and

15         **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz was responsible for ordering and  
16 maintaining the dental supplies in the dental clinic, ensuring that supplies  
17 were stocked so that services were not interrupted or hampered, assisted in  
18 the training of expanded duties and the use of materials for the less  
19 experienced dental health specialists; and

20         **WHEREAS**, from April to September 1975, Rosario Enriquez Cruz  
21 contributed her time and services in helping to provide care for the dental  
22 needs of the refugees from Southeast Asia during Guam's *Operation New Life*,

1 when approximately one hundred ten thousand (110,000) Vietnamese  
2 refugees were brought to Guam to be processed before being sent to the U.S.  
3 Mainland to begin new lives; and

4       **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz continued in donating her time by  
5 helping the DPHSS Food Stamp Program process food stamps during times of  
6 emergencies caused by natural disasters, including Super-Typhoon *Pamela*  
7 (1976), Super-Typhoon *Omar* (1992), Super-Typhoon *Paka* (1997) and Super-  
8 Typhoon *Chata'an* (2002), in which she worked twelve (12) to sixteen (16) hour  
9 days for several days to process applications, and she received a certificate of  
10 appreciation from the administration for her time and hard work; and

11       **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz worked at Central Public Health  
12 from 1975 to 1986, before moving to the Northern Region Community Health  
13 Center Dental Clinic in *Dededo*, where she worked from 1986 to 2001, and  
14 during which time she was promoted to Dental Health Specialist III; and

15       **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz participated in a 1986 dental survey,  
16 in which the results were published in a 1994 issue of the Public Health Dental  
17 Journal titled: "*Evaluation of Guamanian Dental Caries Preventive Programs after*  
18 *13 Years;*" and

19       **WHEREAS**, in 2001, Rosario Enriquez Cruz moved back to Central  
20 Public Health in *Mangilao* when the *Dededo* Dental Clinic closed due to a  
21 shortage of staff, and she worked there until her retirement on September 24,  
22 2010; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz was involved in the Guam Fluoride  
2 Varnish Program, in which the dental staff applied fluoride varnish to  
3 children five (5) years and younger to prevent dental caries; and

4           **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz traveled to various Head Start  
5 centers located in twenty (20) elementary schools throughout the island, she  
6 visited daycares, she participated in immunization outreach with the nursing  
7 staff, and she attended health fairs at various shopping malls to apply fluoride  
8 varnish to children; and

9           **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz was a member of the medical and  
10 dental team that participated in St. Paul's Church's 2009 Medical Mission to  
11 Vietnam and Cambodia, where she helped take care of the dental needs of  
12 hundreds of people in those two (2) countries, who otherwise would have  
13 continued suffering because of their inability to afford such services; and

14           **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz was chosen to be the fire marshal  
15 for the dental clinic, and she was responsible for the safe evacuation of the  
16 dental staff in times of a fire drill or fire emergency; and

17           **WHEREAS**, Rosario Enriquez Cruz also participated in various  
18 extracurricular activities outside her normal duties, volunteering her time to  
19 work on projects, such as the *2007 Island Wide Immunization Survey*, which  
20 aimed to determine if children were up to date with their immunizations; the  
21 *2008 Homeless Coalition Survey*, where she and other volunteers traveled  
22 throughout the island interviewing the homeless to determine their needs; the

1 2009-2010 H1N1 Mass Vaccinations that were held in various locations all over  
2 the island to ensure that the people of Guam were protected from the H1N1  
3 virus; and the 2009 Homeless Point-In-Count, where volunteers tried to count  
4 the number of homeless people on the island; now, therefore, be it

5       **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*  
6 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
7 people of Guam, recognize and commend Rosario Enriquez Cruz for being an  
8 important asset to our island community, and does further extend *Un*  
9 *Dangkulo Na Si Yuus Ma'ase* to her for her immeasurable contributions and  
10 selfless devotion to providing care and services to those in need; does  
11 congratulate her on her retirement from the Department of Public Health &  
12 Social Services after giving thirty eight (38) years of service to the people of  
13 Guam, and does further extend Best Wishes to her on her future endeavors;  
14 and be it further

15       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on  
16 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and  
17 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Rosario Enriquez Cruz; to  
18 the Department of Public Health and Social Services; and to the Honorable  
19 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES  
OF *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF  
SEPTEMBER 2010.



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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.

Speaker



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RORY J. RESPICIO

Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

Legislative Secretary