

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTION STATUS

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214-34 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje B.J.F. Cruz	Relative to congratulating Ms. Cecelia M. Fernandez, on her retirement from the Public Defender Service Corporation and to further extending a warm and sincere Un Dãngkolo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase' for her commitment in serving over thirty-two (32) years in the Government of Guam.	9/5/17 11:01 a.m.	09/8/17 7:00 p.m.						

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Introduced by:

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND**
2 **JUSTICE OF I MINA 'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN**
3 **GUAHAN:**

4 **WHEREAS**, the Public Defender Service Corporation (PDSC) exists to
5 provide effective legal assistance to those unable to afford private counsel,
6 thereby ensuring equal protection of their lawful rights, in accordance with
7 prescribed ethics, laws, rules and regulations; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Guam and her people are fortunate to know the passion of
9 hard working, committed individuals who professionally, and voluntarily, give
10 their time and talent to make our island community a better place for all
11 those who call Guam home; and

1 **WHEREAS**, through the tireless efforts and sacrifices of exemplary
2 members of our community like Cecelia “Cil” M. Fernandez, who set an
3 extraordinary example of public service, we are given a great opportunity
4 to pass on this legacy of serving one another for the betterment of our island
5 community; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Cil Fernandez began her public service in August 1984 at
7 the Guam Department of Education where she was able to contribute in
8 shaping the minds of our young children; and

9 **WHEREAS**, she then moved to the Department of Youth Affairs, for an
10 additional five (5) years, continuing to help transform the island’s future
11 leaders; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Cil then moved to the Guam Public Defender Service
13 Corporation (PDSC), serving on the front lines of the Criminal Justice system, as a
14 Legal Clerk; and

15 **WHEREAS**, she was then transferred to PDSC’s Fiscal Department,
16 where she demonstrated that she was a “Jack of All Trades,” and the “Master
17 of Many,”; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Cil’s responsibilities as a front line staff member dealing
19 directly with clients, shifted to ensuring that payroll was completed on time,
20 vendor payables were made and that purchases for both the Public Defender
21 Service Corporation and Alternate Public Defender were processed and
22 delivered timely, to each office, so that there was no disruption in client
23 services; and

24 **WHEREAS**, while Cil served as a dedicated support staff, she also
25 upheld the principles of Gideon’s Promise, working to fulfill the organization’s
26 mission to provide quality representation for those who are unable to acquire

1 their own representation due to financial constraints, and to foster equality in
2 the justice system; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Cil recognized the importance of treating PDSC’s clients
4 with respect and acknowledging their dignity and humanity during the most
5 trying time of their lives; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Cil was instrumental in transforming the offices of the
7 Public Defender Service Corporation and Alternate Public Defender so that both
8 offices are able to provide services to its clients that are accessible and convenient
9 for effective indigent defense; and

10 **WHEREAS**, after thirty-two years of public service, Cecelia “Cil” M.
11 Fernandez is retiring from the Guam Public Defender Service Corporation,
12 and beginning a new chapter in her life; and, now therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina ‘Trentai Kuåttro Na Liheslaturan Guahan*
14 commends Cecelia “Cil” M. Fernandez on serving Guam’s indigent clients for
15 over thirty-two (32) years; and be it further;

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Legislature congratulates Cecelia M. Fernandez
17 on her retirement from the Guam Public Defender Service Corporation; and be
18 it further;

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker, the Chairperson of the Committee on
20 Culture and Justice certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to the
21 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to the Honorable
22 Edward B. Calvo, *I Maga Iahen Guahan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA ‘TRENTAI
KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN THE
_____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Speaker

REGINE BISCOE LEE
Secretary of the Legislature