




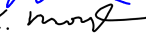
**I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHOR REPORT FILED	NOTES
230-36 (LS)	Jose "Pedro" Terlaje Therese M. Terlaje Telena Cruz Nelson James C. Moylan	Relative to recognizing and congratulating Mrs. Linda Marie Lujan Cruz Ortiz on her retirement from the Department of Corrections and to further extend a warm and sincere Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase for her commitment and dedication in providing 39 years of service to the Department of Corrections.	12/15/21 9:29 a.m.	12/22/21 10:00 a.m.						

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Resolution No. 230-36 (LS)

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, Linda Marie Lujan Cruz Ortiz is married to German Francisco
4 Martinez Ortiz and they are the parents of Elisa De'Maria Ortiz, who is employed at the
5 Guam Department of Education and a son, Matthew Fejeran Dolash Ortiz, a lance
6 corporal in the United States Marine Corps; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Ortiz graduated in 1968 from the Academy of Our Lady of
8 Guam and then received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology with an emphasis in
9 Social Work from the University of Guam in 1981. She was employed in the private
10 sector for fifteen years prior to joining the Department of Corrections in 1982 and the
11 Superior Court of Guam as a TAPP parent; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Ortiz opened her home for children who experienced child
2 abuse, neglect, and abandonment during the early days of Sanctuary, Inc. She opened
3 her heart and home to a total of nine girls and two boys. Two of the girls she raised as
4 adopted daughters in a forever home, namely: Kathy Smith and Nicole Borja; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Linda Ortiz served the Department of Corrections for a total of
6 thirty nine years in the Casework and Counseling Services Department as a Correction
7 Social Work Supervisor and also served as the Counseling Administrator and advisor
8 to corrections for several administrations. She was instrumental in the development of
9 many programs through the years, which include: the Halfway House, the Prison Work
10 Details, the Prison Newsletter, the Agricultural Farm, the Woodwork Shop, Arts and
11 Crafts Programs, Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency Grants (Drama, Ikebana,
12 Pottery and Macrame) and Stress Commandos; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Ortiz started the annual Corrections Week to boost the morale,
14 welfare, and recognition of employees at the department. She initiated the first
15 memorial ceremony for fallen Corrections Officer I Douglas Mashburn, who died in the
16 line of duty. She understood that the recognition of the departments employees was
17 important; and

18 **WHEREAS**, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Linda Ortiz, during the annual
19 Relay for life Cancer Event, the Department of Corrections exceeded contribution limits
20 to benefit cancer recipients and the Department of Corrections garnered recognition as
21 one of the top contributing Government of Guam agencies island wide; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Ortiz also formed the Inmate Marriage Program and the
23 Spiritual Ministry Program which provided practice of all faith beliefs for inmates.
24 Through her direction, the first job fair was held at the Department of Corrections in
25 2018 at the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program, where she served as the
26 administrator of the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program in which she
27 managed 1.2 million dollars of this treatment program; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Ortiz supported the Professional Association of Social
29 Workers and is a past member of Guam Chapter Association of Social Work. She

1 advocated to bring awareness and support from Department of Corrections management
2 for correction social workers to keep current policies and practices by participation in
3 the annual conference with National Association of Social Work. This allows correction
4 social workers to meet licensure requirements annually; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Ortiz put a model into practice for community corrections,
6 however short-lived due to changes in management. The model was designed for Pre-
7 Release Employment and Transition, which was a thirty-day program that worked with
8 inmates on a two-fold plan to perform community service hours with the mayor's
9 offices and work on family reunification in order to ensure a successful re-entry to the
10 community.

11 **WHEREAS**, she also serves as the Field Instructor for the University of Guam
12 College of Social Work Program. Mrs. Ortiz also coordinated and supervised the Child
13 Welfare Education Project workers who are referred by the Department of Public Health
14 and Social Services; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Linda was the first student intern to the Department of Corrections
16 under the University of Guam Social Work Program. Her major in sociology and
17 internship brought her down the path to social work in corrections. She has made
18 countless contributions to the Department of Corrections and the island of Guam; and

19 **WHEREAS**, she is a pioneer in this field and made some noteworthy
20 contributors for the island of Guam. While at the university of Guam, Mrs. Ortiz is the
21 first local playwright, with the publication and production of "The White Lady of
22 Maina," and the Chamorro Opera, "LIKEWEAKE," performed in the late 1970's at the
23 University of Guam Fine Arts Theater. In turn, Linda was awarded a college scholarship
24 by former Governor Carlos G. Camacho to study journalism in the U.S. mainland

25 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Ortiz initiated the early work of documentation and keeping
26 record of the local herbs and plants used for local medicine and healing. She traveled
27 around the Marianas Islands and started documenting interviews with the cultural
28 practitioners of healing, known as the "*suruhanu/suruhana*"; now therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
2 behalf of the people of Guam, commend Mrs. Linda Marie Lujan Cruz Ortiz for the
3 thirty nine years of service she has rendered to the Department of Corrections and to
4 the people of Guam; and be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
6 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Linda Marie
7 Lujan Cruz Ortiz; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan*
8 *Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary