

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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

3 **WHEREAS, the NASW Guam Chapter annually recognizes exemplary service**
4 **providers who demonstrate outstanding commitment, dedication, and innovation in**
5 **delivering social work services and making significant contributions to the community;**
6 **and**

1 **WHEREAS**, *Todu* Guam Foundation has been selected as the recipient of the
2 “2024 *NASW* Guam Chapter Exemplary Service Provider of the Year Award” in
3 recognition of its exceptional service and unwavering dedication to improving the lives
4 of the people of Guam; and

5 **WHEREAS**, *Todu* Guam Foundation is a locally and nationally recognized
6 501©(3) non-profit organization dedicated to addressing health disparities and
7 promoting health equity in our island community; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the foundation was established in 2016 under the visionary
9 leadership of former Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., who served as Chairman of the
10 Committee on Health in the 31st to 34th Guam Legislature. Recognizing the alarming
11 health disparities and inequities prevalent in the community, Senator Rodriguez
12 envisioned a transformative approach to ensuring access to healthcare for the most
13 vulnerable populations; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Senator Rodriguez, along with his wife Lena and their family, took
15 a groundbreaking step by inaugurating Guam’s first mobile health clinic. This milestone
16 was accompanied by a remarkable medical outreach program, which provided essential
17 healthcare services to uninsured and underinsured residents of Guam, entirely free of
18 charge; and

19 **WHEREAS**, *Todu* Guam Foundation’s mission is to deliver vital primary
20 healthcare, education, and support to the community. They firmly believe in breaking
21 down barriers to healthcare access, empowering individuals, and advocating for health
22 equity. Through strategic collaborations, community partnerships, and a dedicated team
23 of healthcare professionals, they strive to create a healthier, more equitable future for
24 all residents of Guam; and

25 **WHEREAS**, *Todu* Guam Foundation stands committed to getting Guam healthy,
26 one person at a time: whether it’s a man, a woman, or a child. They continue to bridge
27 gaps in availability of services and provide health equity to the island’s most vulnerable
28 communities; and

1 **WHEREAS,** *Todu* Guam Foundation provides essential support to individuals
2 in Guam facing barriers to healthcare access, such as choosing between food and
3 medical care, lack of access to sports for children, and inability to afford necessary
4 medical services like pap smears for uninsured women. It underscores the foundation's
5 commitment to acknowledging and assisting those in need, affirming that they are not
6 alone and that *Todu* Guam is dedicated to supporting them; and

7 **WHEREAS,** *Todu* Guam Foundation Mobile Care Clinic, affectionately known
8 as the “clinic on wheels,” faithfully adheres to its vision. It can be frequently seen
9 stationed in underserved communities, where residents often grapple with the challenge
10 of securing reliable transportation. The clinic’s mission is to provide vital and high-
11 quality health care to all members of our community, particularly those who are
12 consistently underserved. Since its inception, the *Todu* Guam Foundation has
13 unwaveringly pursued this noble cause, ensuring that free health care reaches those who
14 need it most; and

15 **WHEREAS,** *Todu* Guam Foundation goes beyond its Mobile Care Clinic to
16 provide essential support to the community through several equally vital programs: The
17 Prevention and Education Program - this initiative focuses on raising awareness and
18 educating the community about health-related matters. It aims to empower individuals
19 with knowledge to prevent health issues and make informed decisions; The Patient
20 Navigation and Financial Assistance Program - *Todu* Guam Foundation assists patients
21 in navigating the complex healthcare system. They provide guidance, connect patients
22 with appropriate resources, and offer financial assistance to those in need; Community
23 Approach to Resilience for Students (CARES) Movement - CARES is a remarkable
24 program funded by the U.S. Department of Education and supported by the Office of
25 the Governor of Guam’s Education Stabilization Funds. It aims to build resilience
26 among socially marginalized students and families. Through a needs assessment, they
27 maximize their limited resources to provide more intensive interventions for students
28 who require additional support. The CARES Movement emphasizes character
29 strengths, emotional well-being, problem-solving skills, and stress management. It’s a

1 safe space for those who feel unheard or want to become better versions of themselves;
2 and Mind Care - This program focuses on mental health and well-being. It provides
3 resources, counseling, and support to individuals facing emotional challenges. By
4 addressing mental health, *Todu* Guam Foundation ensures holistic care for the
5 community; and

6 **WHEREAS**, *Todu* Guam Foundation has demonstrated exemplary leadership,
7 compassion, and effectiveness in addressing critical social issues, providing vital
8 services, and advocating for positive change in Guam; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the NASW Guam Chapter extends its gratitude to the *Todu* Guam
10 Foundation's staff, volunteers, and supporters for their unwavering dedication,
11 compassion, and service to others, and applauds their continued efforts to make Guam
12 a better place for all; now therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
14 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize *Todu*
15 Guam Foundation for serving the people of Guam and strengthening healthy
16 relationships in our island community; and congratulating them as the recipient of the
17 "2024 National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Guam Chapter Exemplary
18 Service Provider Award"; and be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
20 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
21 the same be thereafter transmitted to the *Todu* Guam Foundation; and to the Honorable
22 Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.