

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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538-37 (LS)	Sabina Flores Perez	Relative to recognizing and congratulating Ms. Yvonne M. Cruz on her retirement and for her dedicated 33 years of government service to the People of Guam, and extending a sincere <i>Un Dangkulo na Si Yu'os Ma'åse</i> to her for the outstanding contributions she has made in improving the quality of life for government employees and island residents, for the betterment of our island community.	9/26/24 9:09 a.m.	10/3/24 12:00 p.m.						

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Introduced by:

Sabina Flores Perez *SFP*

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

3 **WHEREAS**, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to recognize the life and
4 accomplishments of those distinguished citizens of this great island, and it is customary
5 to commend individuals who have faithfully served in the best interests of this
6 community and its residents; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Yvonne M. Cruz was born on October 8, 1964, the youngest
8 of three (3) siblings, to the late Jaime Y Martinez and Cecilia G. Martinez; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 1982, Yvonne graduated from Notre Dame High School; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne is the mother of three sons: Jon Anthony Martinez Cruz,
11 who is married to Cheryl Untalan Cruz, the late Jay Andrew Martinez Cruz, and Jose
12 Andre Cruz; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne started her career in the private sector as a reporter for the
14 Pacific Daily News from 1984 through 1988, while pursuing her undergraduate degree

1 at University Of Guam (UOG), was partner and writer for Hafa Magazine, and
2 graduated from UOG with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications; and

3 **WHEREAS**, from 1988 to 1990, Yvonne served as the Public Information
4 Officer at the former government of Guam agency, Guam Telephone Authority; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 1990, Yvonne was transferred to the Guam Visitor's Bureau,
6 where she served as the Research and Publicity Specialist and played a key role in
7 establishing the GVB's Research Department; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 1993, Yvonne returned to the private sector as a Public Relations
9 Manager for Sprint Guam and later served as the Executive Assistant for PacAir; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 1996, Yvonne returned to public service as a Program
11 Coordinator for the Department of Public Health and Social Services' (DPHSS)
12 Welfare Division. During her tenure there, Yvonne received high praise from then
13 Director Dennis Rodriguez and further received commendation for saving the
14 Department thousands of dollars in penalties from audit citations. Furthermore, Yvonne
15 played an active role in developing the new welfare reform program rules for
16 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); and

17 **WHEREAS**, in 1998, Yvonne served as an Administrative Services Officer for
18 the the Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA), where over the next 10 years, in addition
19 to her normal duties, she served in multiple capacities to assist with staff shortages,
20 including working weekend shifts in the GWA Dispatch Section, acting as Public
21 Information Officer in the absence of GWA's PIO during the Barrigada Tank collapse,
22 investigating claims filed against GWA, and providing administrative support for
23 meetings of the Consolidated Commission on Utilities (CCU) in the absence of CCU
24 administrative staff; and

25 **WHEREAS**, in 2004, Yvonne was elected as one of five GWA employees to
26 represent employee concerns during a proposed initiative on the privatization of GWA;
27 and

28 **WHEREAS**, in 2007, Yvonne received the GWA General Manager's Award
29 from then Acting General Manager John M. Benavente; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 2008, Yvonne was promoted to Chief Budget Officer, and over
2 the past 16 years she has made invaluable contributions to the Guam Waterworks
3 Authority Finance Division, enhancing its ability to manage public finances and
4 financial reporting; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, in partnership with the employees of GWA, Yvonne
6 contributed to the formation of the Guam Waterworks Authority Employees
7 Association; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in her retirement Yvonne M. Cruz will be truly missed by her
9 fellow GWA employees, whom are grateful for her service and wish her the best in all
10 of her future endeavors; now therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
12 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and celebrate Ms. Yvonne M. Cruz for her
13 dedication and contributions to our island and community and commend her for her
14 public service to the people of Guam; and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
16 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Yvonne
17 M. Cruz, Mr. Miguel C. Bordallo, General Manager of the Guam Waterworks
18 Authority; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY OF October ___ 2024.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary