

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTION STATUS

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304-34 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje Telena Cruz Nelson B. J.F. Cruz	Relative to recognizing, distinguishing, and appreciating the Honorable Hope Alvarez Cristobal, former Senator, for her tremendous dedication and outstanding, unrelenting, and awe-inspiring commitment to improving and enhancing the quality of life for the people of Guam, and for promoting political dignity and a sustainable future for all generations of Guam; and to further expressing <i>Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'</i> to <i>Saina</i> Hope for her extraordinary and exceptional service to our island, and extending sincerest regards and best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors and aspirations.	12/7/17 1:56 p.m.	12/13/17 11:00 a.m.	12/13/17 8:23 a.m.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the Honorable Hope Alvarez Cristobal, former Senator, remains indispensably as one of our island's most memorable and respected leaders. She has become a "light in the dark" for many people through her tireless efforts in advocating for human rights and justice for the people of Guam. Hope has committed her life to improving our community through her work as an educator, activist, community leader, and farmer. Having mentored several generations of activists, educators, and community organizers, supported the development of numerous community organizations and programs, and inspired to countless others through example, she is affectionately known many individuals in *Guåhan* across the Pacific region, and throughout the globe as "Auntie Hope". Although her public service as a member of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* (the Guam Legislature) has long since passed, she remains a dynamic force; and, she has been richly interwoven in our island's society by promoting a healthy and sustainable future for *Guåhan*; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 1946, a daughter of *Guåhan* was born who would become a powerful example of the difference one person can make when she refuses to remain passive in the face of injustice. A descendent of *familian Alabado of Orlot* and originally from the village of *Singajana*, Auntie Hope was born of humble beginnings to Francisca Taimanglo Navarro Alvarez and Arsenio Frederick Alvarez. The foundation of Auntie Hope's strength as a *CHamoru* woman originates from two (2) significant women in her life – her mother Francisca and her godmother Manquita Quitugua Flores, who she lovingly called, "Mom Flores." Auntie Hope has said that these two (2) women embodied *CHamoru* identity, and nurtured and enculturated her in *CHamoru* values and practices to become the woman she is today, stating that "their alternating role as figure-heads in my life was seamless; they ensured that I was in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing!"; and

WHEREAS, Auntie Hope's underlying source of enduring strength and tenacity remains rooted in her family – her husband of forty-nine (49) years, Enrico Adrian Cristobal of *Tawmning*, "Uncle" Andy as we know him, with whom she has five (5) wonderful children: Anelle, Ensa, Hope, Maria, and Christian; and, they are also blessed with six (6) grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, from the brilliant influence of her mother and godmother, as well as with the love and support of her family, Auntie Hope's unceasing determination and remarkable work was recognized by members of our community in March 2011 when she was presented with the "Public Citizen of the Year" award for her work in advancing human rights and social justice in Micronesia by the National Association of Social Workers, Guam Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Auntie Hope has played and continues to play an integral role in many organizations, such as "P.A.R.A.P.A.D.A." which was formed in the 1970s by a group of several *CHamoru* activists and intellectuals working to resist local injustices and the United States colonialism of Guam, and the Organization of People for Indigenous Rights (OPI-R), which was formed in 1981 by members of "P.A.R.A.P.A.D.A" to address, in particular, the self-determination of Guam. Auntie Hope was also a co-founder and dedicated member of the *CHamoru* Studies Association, the *Guåhan* Coalition for Peace and Justice, *Fuetsan Famalbo'an*, and *Prutehi Litekyan: Save Rindian*; and

WHEREAS, Representing Guam in the Miss Universe pageant in 1967, Auntie Hope visited the United States for the first time where she was exposed to multifaceted activist engagements that would provoke her to reevaluate the struggles of the indigenous peoples of the Pacific and later embolden her as a beacon of consciousness, beauty, and strength; and

WHEREAS, one of Auntie Hope's most notable accomplishments spans over two (2) decades of representing *Guåhan*, when she traveled to testify at the United Nations (UN) Special Committee on Decolonization hearings, beginning with her first appearance before the Committee in March of 1985 at Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. At this first hearing, Auntie Hope promoted decolonization for the island and the rights of the *CHamoru* people to self-determination in accordance with the UN Charter - UN Resolution 1514, the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples; and UN Resolution 1541, defining the three (3) options for self-determination. Representing OPI-R in 2006, Auntie Hope gave a statement before the same Committee at the Pacific Regional Seminar in Yasuoka, Fiji. In her opening remarks, she reiterated her stance on decolonization and her concerns for the political and social development of Guam, emphasizing that her position had not changed from when she first presented in 1985. Auntie Hope also presented discussion papers at the United Nations Pacific Regional Seminar on the Implementation of the Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, "Priorities and Concerns of Civil Society Relating to Guam's Future Political Status" in May 2008 in Bandung, Indonesia; and again in Noumea, New Caledonia in 2010, representing the Coalition for Peace and Justice and the *CHamoru* Studies Association. In her steadfast resolve to testify in support of the decolonization of the *CHamoru* people in their homelands, Auntie Hope has fought to right many wrongs and advance the discussion of problematic histories to expose difficult truths, even at risk of losing friends or popularity; and

WHEREAS, Auntie Hope's other achievements in publications and presentations have been uniquely significant, allowing her to be in very rare company. She contributed to the publication, "The Organization of People for Indigenous Rights: A Commitment Towards Self-Determination" in July of 1987. This particular piece of work can be found at the *CHamoru* Studies and the Richard F. Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center at the University of Guam. In 1999, she presented her work on "Chamorro Self-Determination" at the Pacific Court of Women in Auckland, New Zealand. At the APPU annual meeting in Tokyo, Japan, Auntie Hope discussed her work on "Guam and Its People." Auntie Hope has also been a subject in several critical documentary films about Guam and the Mariana Islands, including the 2010 documentary film by Vanessa Warheit/Horse Opera Productions, "The Insular Empire: America in the Mariana Islands" – a film on colonization in the 21st century within the United States. She also contributed to the films, "Let Freedom Ring: The Chamorro Search for Sovereignty," produced by the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians in 1997; and "War for Guam," a 2015 documentary film about World War II and its lasting impacts on Guam, produced by Frances Negrón-Muntaner, Baltazar Aguión, and Michael Lujan Bevaqua. It is also important to note that Auntie Hope also had a recognized but unpublished piece of original research on the "Tetha of Guam." Her work was put on display through an exhibit partially sponsored by the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency, Government of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Auntie Hope's unwavering commitment to the building of *CHamoru* nationhood and the promotion of self-determination is also articulated through her devotion and faithful care of ancestral burials and sacred sites. Her dedication to honoring, protecting, and commemorating ancestral burials is one that is extremely close to her heart and vital to the *CHamoru* people. Auntie Hope has taken the lead to organize and carry out numerous reinterment ceremonies for disturbed burials to provide opportunities for communal healing and promote the utmost care and protection of these sacred and irreplaceable ancestral treasures for future generations. Auntie Hope has galvanized *CHamoru* reflection and engagement through powerful reinterment ceremonies that include, but are not limited to, sites in *Tumon* such as *Matápang Beach*, *Gokha*, the Hyatt Regency Guam, the Nikko Hotel, as well as the *Hagåtña* Bridge; and

WHEREAS, her unrelenting efforts and grit are continually recognized and admired by her contemporaries, peers, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Underwood, President of the University of Guam, a co-founder of *PARA-PADA* and *OPI-R*, has stated, "Hope has been fighting for her people since I first knew her in elementary school. Unlike others, the fire continues to burn brighter than ever"; and

WHEREAS, Ron Franquez Teehan, fellow *OPI-R* founding member and dear colleague, has expressed, "It has been a sincere honor over these past four-plus decades working with my close friend, Hope Alvarez Cristobal, a dedicated comrade in the struggle for human rights. Since early on in the mid-1970s and the formation of *PARA-PADA*, and subsequently the Organization of People for Indigenous Rights in 1982, Hope Cristobal has long been a leader at the forefront and crucially instrumental in the formation of numerous *CHamoru* rights movements and human rights organizations; generally, all aimed at furthering the international legal rights, dignity, and optimal rightful future of indigenous peoples, and, as in our case, the rights of our indigenous *CHamoru* people of Guam. She is as well, an educator well-versed in the promotion of our *CHamoru* language and culture and has truly demonstrated her steadfast dedication towards its preservation. With her foundation as a gifted teacher with a cause she is truly dedicated to, she has set the trail, and continues to carve out a very significant pathway towards the fulfillment of our indigenous *CHamoru* rights"; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Linda Natividad, PhD, Professor of Social Work and co-founder of the Coalition for Peace and Justice, has said, "*Saina* Hope is a glorious example of *CHamoru* strength and grace. She has an unyielding love for *Guåhan* and her people that is evidenced in the way she embraces her role as *Saina* and parenting our community. She consistently rises to the occasion to educate us of our history, our rights, and how to protect *Guåhan*. Her ferocious spirit has influenced the United Nations, the United States, and our people while standing up for us. She is our living ancestor who continues to guide and light the way for the *CHamoru* people"; and

WHEREAS, Sabina Perez, founding member of *Prutehi Litekyan*. Save Ritidan, has affirmed that, *Prutehi Litekyan*. Save Ritidian is privileged to count Auntie Hope as one of its core members. She is a true champion for the return of ancestral lands to original landowners, a critical promoter of indigenous stewardship of our lands and waters, and a genuine defender for the safeguard of our historic and cultural resources. Auntie Hope brings years of prolific community work and advocacy to *Prutehi Litekyan* and we are extremely grateful for her guidance and, more importantly, for her friendship"; and

WHEREAS, Auntie Hope planted the stepping-stones for her exceptional career in education at the University of Guam, where in 1980, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree (BA), with Honors, in Secondary Education, General Science. Auntie Hope followed this accomplishment of higher learning in 1985 by completing five (5)-quarter hours at the University of Oregon's Doctoral Program. In 1987, she attained a Master of Education degree (M.Ed.) from the University of Guam, specializing in School Administration and Supervision; and with her training, Auntie Hope accomplished much in her career as an educator and school administrator with the Guam Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, Auntie Hope's career as an educator spans fourteen (14) years. Her first duty as an administrator and educator began in 1984, when she was hired to serve as a Teacher-Assistant Principal at Anderson Elementary School. In 1987, she decided to teach the island's teenage population and became a Secondary Science Teacher at Simon Sanchez High School, where she taught marine biology and general science, and was also a *CHamoru* language teacher. Auntie Hope served as the Chairperson of the school's Accreditation Steering Committee, but ultimately left the high school in December of 1989. For the next four (4) years, Auntie Hope served as an Assistant School Principal at John F. Kennedy High School, and as the Principal of *Ortob-Chulan Pago* Elementary School. Part of her duties at both schools included the planning, budgeting, and administration of the entire school curriculum and school plant facility and the supervision of all professional, para-professional, technical, and administrative personnel. After many years since she last helped to directly shape the minds of Guam's youth, Auntie Hope returned to teaching in 2007, when she became an Adjunct Professor of Guam History at the University of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Auntie Hope also obtained a number of certifications and licenses throughout her professional career, including standardized test administration, professional education administration and supervision, and cultural tourism. From March 1998 to June 2005, Auntie Hope's knowledge and expertise were called upon when she was hired as the Museum Director for the National Museum of the *Dulac Nambro de Maria* Cathedral-Basilica in *Hagåtña*. As Director, she was responsible for research, acquisitions, conservation, exhibit planning, exhibit grants, contracts, and publications; and

WHEREAS, Auntie Hope has served on numerous community and government boards, helping to direct an array of public programs and projects, including the Northern Guam Soil and Water Conservation District, the Farmers' Cooperative Association of Guam, the Guam Visitors Bureau, and Catholic Social Service. Most recently, Auntie Hope serves as the *Ga'bi'bi'*, or Chairperson, of *I Kumision I Pinos 'CHamoru yan I Pina'na'guan I Historia yan I Linda'la' Taisio Taiso Taiso'* (the Commission on *CHamoru* Language and the Teaching of the History and Culture of the Indigenous People of Guam). As the Chairperson of the *Kumision*, Auntie Hope continues to work toward the successful re-establishment and revitalization of this incredibly imperative group that has been inactive for far too long in our community. Auntie Hope was also the Board Chairperson of the Guam Public Library and the Guam Museum from 1989 through 1992, where she simultaneously served as the Chairperson of the Committee on the Accreditation and Expansion of the Museum, initiating and assembling a plan that became the foundation for the development and advancement of a museum for the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Auntie Hope had served as a Senator in the 23rd Guam Legislature, and was the Vice Chairperson of the Legislative Committee on Education. As soon as she was sworn in as a Senator, Auntie Hope wasted no time in pursuing her goals of improving the quality of life for our island. Among her many accomplishments while in office, some of her most notable works include granting an eighty-five percent (85%) discount on real estate taxes charged on the primary home of senior citizens; establishing the rules and regulations for the *CHamoru* Land Trust Act with the late Senator Angel Santos; and creating the Commission on Decolonization and the *CHamoru* Registry; and

WHEREAS, some of the legislation that Senator Cristobal was directly responsible for, or involved with, include **Bill No. 765**, "*An Act to Create the Commission on Decolonization for the Implementation and Exercise of Chamorro Self-Determination*," which became **Public Law 23-147**, and which stated that the Legislature recognizes that all the people of the territory of Guam have democratically expressed their collective will and recognized and approved the inalienable right of the *CHamoru* people to self-determination. This included the right to ultimately decide the future political status of Guam as expressed in Section 102(a) of the draft Commonwealth Act, as approved by the people of Guam in a plebiscite held in September of 1988; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of **Bill No. 673**, "*An Act to Establish the Chamorro Registry by Adding a New Chapter 20 and a New §2108 to Title 3, Guam Code Annotated*," which became **Public Law 23-130**, the Guam Legislature recognized that the indigenous people of Guam, the *CHamoru*, have endured as a population with a distinct language and culture despite suffering over three hundred years of colonial occupation by Spain, the United States, and Japan. Because of this, the Legislature endeavored to fulfill its responsibility to its people by memorializing the indigenous *CHamorus* and their families, through an official registry. This registry has served as a tool to help educate *CHamorus* about their status as an indigenous people and the inalienable right of self-determination. During her term, Senator Cristobal was also the Chairperson of the Legislative Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs; and

WHEREAS, in **Bill No. 380**, "*An Act to Repeal and Reenact §§24109 and 24110 and to Add §§24111 to 24113, to Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, to Provide Real Property Relief for Senior Citizens, Citizens With Disabilities, and Heads of Households With Dependent(s) With Disabilities by Reducing Their Tax Rate to Twenty Percent (20%) of the 1987 Tax Assessment and Freezing Their Property Valuation at that Level*," which became **Public Law 23-107**, property taxes were slated to increase three-fold as a result of the triennial assessment. The Legislature found that if property taxes are significantly increased, a home's ultimate value will also increase unless the building deteriorates. Because many senior citizens and citizens with disabilities rely on fixed incomes that do not increase or keep pace with inflation, Senator Cristobal, along with her fellow colleagues, felt that a three-fold increase in taxes would have significant detrimental effects in that such an action would ultimately increase the effects of inflation and home values, resulting in citizens facing a decrease in their real buying power. The Legislature was compelled to provide relief to these citizens, and with the passage of this bill, she was able to accomplish this goal; and

WHEREAS, Senator Cristobal also aided in the establishment of "Drug Free School Zones" around the island with the enactment of Public Law 23-87 (Bill No. 193), "An Act to Add a New Chapter 48 to Title 17, Guam Code Annotated; and to Add New §§80.33.01, 80.33.02, and 80.33.03 to Title 9, Guam Code Annotated; Relative To Establishing "Drug Free School Zones" and Providing For Related Penalties," which states that persons who possess, use, deliver, sell, or transport illegal drugs in or around Guam's schools shall face stricter and harsher penalties including longer prison terms. Juvenile delinquents were also the target of the bill by stating that "Minors who violate the drug free school zones policy may be, at the discretion of the courts, subjected to more extensive community service, and they may even be tried as adults if a judge believes that to be in the best interest of the student, the school, and the public in general." The intent of the Drug Free School Zones Act is to rid Guam's schools of the drug problems that run rampant in all other facets of our community; and

WHEREAS, in Public Law 23-76 (Bill No. 194), "An Act to Add a New Chapter 91 To Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, to Establish the Natural Death Act," the Legislature found that an adult person has the fundamental right to control the decisions relating to the rendering of his or her own medical care, including the decision to have life-sustaining treatment withheld or withdrawn in instances of a terminal condition or permanent unconscious condition. With that in mind, the Legislature then declared that the laws of the Territory of Guam shall recognize the right of any adult person to make a written declaration instructing his or her physician to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining treatment in the event of a terminal condition or permanent unconscious condition, in the event that the person is unable to make those decisions for himself or herself. Despite the numerous pleas of disapproval from various individuals in the community, Senator Cristobal and her colleagues remained steadfast in their decision; and

WHEREAS, in Public Law 23-75 (Bill No. 352), "An Act to Amend 10 GCA §12307, Relative to Providing Additional Criteria to Nurse Licensure by Adding Continuing Education Units as a Means for Validating Re-Licensure," Senator Cristobal and fellow members of the Legislature stated that the Nurse Practice Act and the Guam Board of Nurse Examiners' rules and regulations did not allow for nurses who are not actively practicing to use Continuing Education Units (CEU) as a means of validating their re-licensure in order to continue or re-enter nursing practice. They believed that with the passing of this bill, Guam's critical nursing shortage at the time would be resolved; and

WHEREAS, in Public Law 23-67 (Bill No. 159), "An Act to Repeal and Reenact §7104 of Chapter 7, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Allowing Community Access to School Facilities; to Repeal Subsection (b) of P.L. 23-45:LV-8, Relative to the 90-Day Freeze on Hiring; and to Amend Subsection (b) Of P.L. 23-46:12, Relative to Vacancies at the Department Of Education," the Legislature's intent was to allow community residents and groups, with the approval of the respective school principal/Tiyan facilities manager/staff development manager, and the Board of Education, to utilize facilities such as classrooms, gymnasiums, sports fields, libraries, cafeterias, or any other part or portion of a school that can generate funds, e.g. wall space, for advertising during school off-hours; and

WHEREAS, other landmark legislation that Senator Cristobal was involved with include Public Law 23-25 (Bill No. 72), "An Act to Add a New §68951 to Title 21, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Designating the Former Naval Facility Lands at Ritidian Point as Property of the Government Of Guam, and to Demanding that the Department of Defense Return These Excess Lands to the Rightful Owners from which the Lands Were Originally Taken By Force, Deceit, and Outright Theft"; Public Law 23-23 (Bill No. 128), "An Act to Create the Guam Land Repatriation Commission by Adding a New Chapter 20 to Title 1, Guam Code Annotated"; Public Law 23-17 (Bill No. 66), "An Act Adopting the Regime of the United Nations Convention On The Law Of The Sea (UNCLOS) with Respect to Guam's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and Other Rights and Responsibilities Contained Therein, by Amending Subsection (a) Of 1 GCA §402, Repealing and Reenacting Subsections (b) and (c) of 1 GCA §402, Adding New Subsections (d) and (e) to 1 GCA §402, and Adding a New 5 GCA §9107.1"; Public Law 23-12 (Bill No. 28), "An Act to Repeal and Reenact Article 7 of Chapter 63, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, to Establish the Guam National Guard Code of Military Justice"; Public Law 23-41 (Bill No. 260), "An Act to Repeal §63106 of Chapter 63, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, and to Amend §4119 of Chapter 4, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to the Utilization of Annual Leave by Government Of Guam Employees for Purposes Relating to Their Active Membership in the Guam National Guard"; and Public Law 23-36 (Bill No. 225), "An Act to Amend §§4102, 4105, 4106, 6102, 6103, and 4406 of Title 4 and §§31106, 31113(a), 16112, and 16113 of Title 17, to Repeal §31113(c) of Title 17, and to Add a New Subsection (i) to §4403 and a New Subsection (c) to §4402 of Title 4, all of the Guam Code Annotated, Pertaining to the Academic Personnel and Autonomy of the Guam Community College and the University of Guam, and Other Related Matters"; and

WHEREAS, Auntie Hope and her family were confronted by potentially devastating news and the frightening reality of her diagnosis of breast cancer in 2015. Through this tough time, Auntie Hope and Uncle Andy continued to demonstrate their profound love for one another, while teaching us that although we may not be able to control the challenges that arise in our lives, we can certainly choose the way we respond, and that we can respond as much as possible with love, courage, compassion, humor, and honesty. While we have lost so many of our *Saana* to illness and war, Auntie Hope reminds us to always find purpose in the way we live, to fight, to share our stories, and to have pride in our scars, and we are so grateful that she is here with us today.

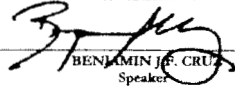
WHEREAS, Auntie Hope is quick to point out that through adversity can come a life of fulfillment and positive outcomes, and she has demonstrated that by sharing her personal stories with those whose lives she has touched; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Auntie Hope has been a pillar of excellence and strength, and a primary example of a true champion of indigenous rights and environmental stewardship, especially for young adults and our youth. As a Senator, an eminent educator, an astute liaison of Oceania and larger global communities, an adamant representative in local and Congressional meetings on Guam's political status, as a small business owner and backyard farmer, a respected *Saana* to those who seek her wisdom and guidance, and as a *CHAMORRA* woman and loving mother striving always to do right, Auntie Hope Alvarez Cristobal is a constant reminder that the only way to achieve success in life is to persevere, be brave, and stand up like no other in order to take action. Her outstanding dedication *jan i mesyon-na* to improving the future of our island will echo through generations to come; now therefore, be it

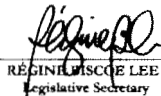
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RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Hope Alvarez Cristobal, former Senator, and her family; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Mags'blen Guahan*.

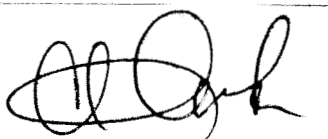
DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN* ON THE 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2017.


BENJAMIN J. CRUZ
Speaker


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34th Guam Legislature

December 11, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Honorable Senators

FROM: Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje 

SUBJECT: Resolution Presentation

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

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DATE: Wednesday, December 13, 2017

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

PLACE: Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building

CC: Clerks
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13 become a powerful example of the difference one person can make when she refuses to
14 remain passive in the face of injustice. A descendent of *familian Alabado* of *Ordot* and
15 originally from the village of *Sinajana*, Auntie Hope was born of humble beginnings to
16 Francisca Taimanglo Navarro Alvarez and Arsenio Frederick Alvarez. The foundation
17 of Auntie Hope’s strength as a *CHamoru* woman originates from two (2) significant
18 women in her life – her mother Francisca and her godmother Mariquita Quitugua Flores,
19 who she lovingly called, “Mom Flores.” Auntie Hope has said that these two (2) women
20 embodied *CHamoru* identity, and nurtured and enculturated her in *CHamoru* values and
21 practices to become the woman she is today, stating that “their alternating role as figure-
22 heads in my life was seamless; they ensured that I was in the right place, at the right
23 time, doing the right thing!”; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Auntie Hope’s underlying source of enduring strength and tenacity
25 remains rooted in her family – her husband of forty-nine (49) years, Enrico Adrian
26 Cristobal of *Tamuning*, “Uncle” Andy as we know him, with whom she has five (5)

1 wonderful children: Anelle, Erisa, Hope, Maria, and Christian; and, they are also
2 blessed with six (6) grandchildren; and

3 **WHEREAS**, from the brilliant influence of her mother and godmother, as well
4 as with the love and support of her family, Auntie Hope’s unceasing determination and
5 remarkable work was recognized by members of our community in March 2011 when
6 she was presented with the “Public Citizen of the Year” award for her work in advancing
7 human rights and social justice in Micronesia by the National Association of Social
8 Workers, Guam Chapter; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Representing Guam in the Miss Universe pageant in 1967, Auntie
10 Hope visited the United States for the first time where she was exposed to multifaceted
11 activist engagements that would provoke her to reevaluate the struggles of the
12 indigenous peoples of the Pacific and later embolden her as a beacon of consciousness,
13 beauty, and strength; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Auntie Hope has played and continues to play an integral role in
15 many organizations, such as “*PARA-PÁDA*,” which was formed in the 1970s by a group
16 of several *CHamoru* activists and intellectuals working to resist local injustices and the
17 United States colonialism of Guam, and the Organization of People for Indigenous
18 Rights (OPI-R), which was formed in 1981 by members of “*PARA-PÁDA*” to address,
19 in particular, the self-determination of Guam. Auntie Hope was also a co-founder and
20 dedicated member of the *CHamoru* Studies Association, the *Guåhan* Coalition for
21 Peace and Justice, *Fuetsan Famalão'an*, and *Prutehi Litekyan: Save Ritidian*; and

22 **WHEREAS**, one of Auntie Hope’s most notable accomplishments spans over
23 two (2) decades of representing *Guåhan*, when she traveled to testify at the United
24 Nations (UN) Special Committee on Decolonization hearings, beginning with her first
25 appearance before the Committee in March of 1985 at Port Moresby, Papua New
26 Guinea. At this first hearing, Auntie Hope promoted decolonization for the island and
27 the rights of the *CHamoru* people to self-determination in accordance with the UN

1 Charter - UN Resolution 1514, the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to
2 Colonial Countries and Peoples; and UN Resolution 1541, defining the three (3) options
3 for self-determination. Representing OPI-R in 2006, Auntie Hope gave a statement
4 before the same Committee at the Pacific Regional Seminar in Yanuca, Fiji. In her
5 opening remarks, she reiterated her stance on decolonization and her concerns for the
6 political and social development of Guam, emphasizing that her position had not
7 changed from when she first presented in 1985. Auntie Hope also presented discussion
8 papers at the United Nations Pacific Regional Seminar on the Implementation of the
9 Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, “Priorities and
10 Concerns of Civil Society Relating to Guam’s Future Political Status” in May 2008 in
11 Badung, Indonesia; and again in Noumea, New Caledonia in 2010, representing the
12 Coalition for Peace and Justice and the *CHamoru* Studies Association. In her steadfast
13 resolve to testify in support of the decolonization of the *CHamoru* people in their
14 homelands, Auntie Hope has fought to right many wrongs and advance the discussion
15 of problematic histories to expose difficult truths, even at risk of losing friends or
16 popularity; and

17 **WHEREAS,** Auntie Hope’s other achievements in publications and
18 presentations have been uniquely significant, allowing her to be in very rare company.
19 She contributed to the publication, “The Organization of People for Indigenous Rights:
20 A Commitment Towards Self-Determination” in July of 1987. This particular piece of
21 work can be found at the *CHamoru* Studies and the Richard F. Taitano Micronesian
22 Area Research Center at the University of Guam. In 1999, she presented her work on
23 “Chamorro Self-Determination” at the Pacific Court of Women in Auckland, New
24 Zealand. At the APPU annual meeting in Tokyo, Japan, Auntie Hope discussed her
25 work on “Guam and Its People.” Auntie Hope has also been a subject in several critical
26 documentary films about Guam and the Mariana Islands, including the 2010
27 documentary film by Vanessa Warheit/Horse Opera Productions, “The Insular Empire:

1 America in the Mariana Islands” – a film on colonization in the 21st century within the
2 United States. She also contributed to the films, “Let Freedom Ring, The Chamorro
3 Search for Sovereignty,” produced by the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians in 1997;
4 and “War for Guam,” a 2015 documentary film about World War II and its lasting
5 impacts on Guam, produced by Frances Negrón-Muntaner, Baltazar Aguon, and
6 Michael Lujan Bevaqua. It is also important to note that Auntie Hope also had a
7 recognized but unpublished piece of original research on the “*Techas* of Guam.” Her
8 work was put on display through an exhibit partially sponsored by the Guam Council
9 on the Arts and Humanities Agency, Government of Guam; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Auntie Hope’s unwavering commitment to the building of
11 *CHamoru* nationhood and the promotion of self-determination is also articulated
12 through her devotion and faithful care of ancestral burials and sacred sites. Her
13 dedication to honoring, protecting, and commemorating ancestral burials is one that is
14 extremely close to her heart and vital to the *CHamoru* people. Auntie Hope has taken
15 the lead to organize and carry out numerous reinterment ceremonies for disturbed
16 burials to provide opportunities for communal healing and promote the utmost care and
17 protection of these sacred and irreplaceable ancestral treasures for future generations.
18 Auntie Hope has galvanized *CHamoru* reflection and engagement through powerful
19 reinterment ceremonies that include, but are not limited to, sites in *Tumon* such as
20 *Matâpang* Beach, *Gokña*, the Hyatt Regency Guam, the Nikko Hotel, as well as the
21 *Hagâtña* Bridge; and

22 **WHEREAS**, her unrelenting efforts and grit are continually recognized and
23 admired by her contemporaries, peers, and friends; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Robert Underwood, President of the University of Guam, a co-
25 founder of *PARA-PÁDA* and OPI-R, has stated, “Hope has been fighting for her people
26 since I first knew her in elementary school. Unlike others, the fire continues to burn
27 brighter than ever”; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Ron Franquez Teehan, fellow OPI-R founding member and dear
2 colleague, has expressed, “It has been a sincere honor over these past four-plus decades
3 working with my close friend, Hope Alvarez Cristobal, a dedicated comrade in the
4 struggle for human rights. Since early on in the mid-1970s and the formation of *PARA-*
5 *PÁDA*, and subsequently the Organization of People for Indigenous Rights in 1982,
6 Hope Cristobal has long been a leader at the forefront and crucially instrumental in the
7 formation of numerous *CHamoru* rights movements and human rights organizations;
8 generally, all aimed at furthering the international legal rights, dignity, and optimal
9 rightful future of indigenous peoples, and, as in our case, the rights of our indigenous
10 *CHamoru* people of Guam. She is as well, an educator well-versed in the promotion of
11 our *CHamoru* language and culture and has truly demonstrated her steadfast dedication
12 towards its preservation. With her foundation as a gifted teacher with a cause she is
13 truly dedicated to, she has set the trail, and continues to carve out a very significant
14 pathway towards the fulfillment of our indigenous *CHamoru* rights”; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Lisa Linda Natividad, PhD, Professor of Social Work and co-
16 founder of the Coalition for Peace and Justice, has said, “*Saina* Hope is a glorious
17 example of *CHamoru* strength and grace. She has an unyielding love for *Guåhan* and
18 her people that is evidenced in the way she embraces her role as *Saina* and parenting
19 our community. She consistently rises to the occasion to educate us of our history, our
20 rights, and how to protect *Guåhan*. Her ferocious spirit has influenced the United
21 Nations, the United States, and our people while standing up for us. She is our living
22 ancestor who continues to guide and light the way for the *CHamoru* people”; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Sabina Perez, founding member of *Prutehi Litekyan: Save Ritidan*,
24 has affirmed that, *Prutehi Litekyan: Save Ritidian* is privileged to count Auntie Hope
25 as one of its core members. She is a true champion for the return of ancestral lands to
26 original landowners, a critical promoter of indigenous stewardship of our lands and
27 waters, and a genuine defender for the safeguard of our historic and cultural resources.

1 Auntie Hope brings years of prolific community work and advocacy to *Prutehi Litekyan*
2 and we are extremely grateful for her guidance and, more importantly, for her
3 friendship”; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Auntie Hope planted the stepping-stones for her exceptional career
5 in education at the University of Guam, where in 1980, she earned a Bachelor of Arts
6 degree (BA), with Honors, in Secondary Education, General Science. Auntie Hope
7 followed this accomplishment of higher learning in 1985 by completing five (5)-quarter
8 hours at the University of Oregon’s Doctoral Program. In 1987, she attained a Master
9 of Education degree (M.Ed.) from the University of Guam, specializing in School
10 Administration and Supervision; and with her training, Auntie Hope accomplished
11 much in her career as an educator and school administrator with the Guam Department
12 of Education; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Auntie Hope’s career as an educator spans fourteen (14) years. Her
14 first duty as an administrator and educator began in 1984, when she was hired to serve
15 as a Teacher-Assistant Principal at Anderson Elementary School. In 1987, she decided
16 to teach the island’s teenage population and became a Secondary Science Teacher at
17 Simon Sanchez High School, where she taught marine biology and general science, and
18 was also a *CHamoru* language teacher. Auntie Hope served as the Chairperson of the
19 school’s Accreditation Steering Committee, but ultimately left the high school in
20 December of 1989. For the next four (4) years, Auntie Hope served as an Assistant
21 School Principal at John F. Kennedy High School, and as the Principal of *Ordot-Chalan*
22 *Pago* Elementary School. Part of her duties at both schools included the planning,
23 budgeting, and administration of the entire school curriculum and school plant facility
24 and the supervision of all professional, para-professional, technical, and administrative
25 personnel. After many years since she last helped to directly shape the minds of Guam’s
26 youth, Auntie Hope returned to teaching in 2007, when she became an Adjunct
27 Professor of Guam History at the University of Guam; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Auntie Hope also obtained a number of certifications and licenses
2 throughout her professional career, including standardized test administration,
3 professional education administration and supervision, and cultural tourism. From
4 March 1998 to June 2005, Auntie Hope’s knowledge and expertise were called upon
5 when she was hired as the Museum Director for the National Museum of the *Dulce*
6 *Nombre de Maria* Cathedral-Basilica in *Hagåtña*. As Director, she was responsible for
7 research, acquisitions, conservation, exhibit planning, exhibit grants, contracts, and
8 publications; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Auntie Hope has served on numerous community and government
10 boards, helping to direct an array of public programs and projects, including the
11 Northern Guam Soil and Water Conservation District, the Farmers’ Cooperative
12 Association of Guam, the Guam Visitors Bureau, and Catholic Social Service. Most
13 recently, Auntie Hope serves as the *Ge'hilo'*, or Chairperson, of *I Kumision I Fino'*
14 *CHamoru yan I Fina'nã'guen I Historia yan I Lina'la' Taotao Tãno'* (the Commission
15 on *CHamoru* Language and the Teaching of the History and Culture of the Indigenous
16 People of Guam). As the Chairperson of the *Kumision*, Auntie Hope continues to work
17 toward the successful re-establishment and revitalization of this incredibly imperative
18 group that has been inactive for far too long in our community. Auntie Hope was also
19 the Board Chairperson of the Guam Public Library and the Guam Museum from 1989
20 through 1992, where she simultaneously served as the Chairperson of the Committee
21 on the Accreditation and Expansion of the Museum, initiating and assembling a plan
22 that became the foundation for the development and advancement of a museum for the
23 people of Guam; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Auntie Hope had served as a Senator in the 23rd Guam Legislature,
25 and was the Vice Chairperson of the Legislative Committee on Education. As soon as
26 she was sworn in as a Senator, Auntie Hope wasted no time in pursuing her goals of
27 improving the quality of life for our island. Among her many accomplishments while

1 in office, some of her most notable works include granting an eighty-five percent (85%)
2 discount on real estate taxes charged on the primary home of senior citizens;
3 establishing the rules and regulations for the *CHamoru* Land Trust Act with the late
4 Senator Angel Santos; and creating the Commission on Decolonization and the
5 *CHamoru* Registry; and

6 **WHEREAS**, some of the legislation that Senator Cristobal was directly
7 responsible for, or involved with, include **Bill No. 765**, “*An Act to Create the*
8 *Commission on Decolonization for the Implementation and Exercise of Chamorro Self-*
9 *Determination*,” which became **Public Law 23-147**, and which stated that the
10 Legislature recognizes that all the people of the territory of Guam have democratically
11 expressed their collective will and recognized and approved the inalienable right of the
12 *CHamoru* people to self-determination. This included the right to ultimately decide the
13 future political status of Guam as expressed in Section 102(a) of the draft
14 Commonwealth Act, as approved by the people of Guam in a plebiscite held in
15 September of 1988; and

16 **WHEREAS**, with the passage of **Bill No. 673**, “*An Act to Establish the*
17 *Chamorro Registry by Adding a New Chapter 20 and a New §2108 to Title 3, Guam*
18 *Code Annotated*,” which became **Public Law 23-130**, the Guam Legislature recognized
19 that the indigenous people of Guam, the *CHamoru*, have endured as a population with
20 a distinct language and culture despite suffering over three hundred years of colonial
21 occupation by Spain, the United States, and Japan. Because of this, the Legislature
22 endeavored to fulfill its responsibility to its people by memorializing the indigenous
23 *CHamorus* and their families, through an official registry. This registry has served as a
24 tool to help educate *CHamorus* about their status as an indigenous people and the
25 inalienable right of self-determination. During her term, Senator Cristobal was also the
26 Chairperson of the Legislative Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in **Bill No. 380**, “*An Act to Repeal and Reenact §§24109 and 24110*
2 *and to Add §§24111 to 24113, to Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, to Provide Real*
3 *Property Relief for Senior Citizens, Citizens With Disabilities, and Heads of*
4 *Households With Dependent(s) With Disabilities by Reducing Their Tax Rate to Twenty*
5 *Percent (20%) of the 1987 Tax Assessment and Freezing Their Property Valuation at*
6 *that Level,”* which became **Public Law 23-107**, property taxes were slated to increase
7 three-fold as a result of the triennial assessment. The Legislature found that if property
8 taxes are significantly increased, a home’s ultimate value will also increase unless the
9 building deteriorates. Because many senior citizens and citizens with disabilities rely
10 on fixed incomes that do not increase or keep pace with inflation, Senator Cristobal,
11 along with her fellow colleagues, felt that a three-fold increase in taxes would have
12 significant detrimental effects in that such an action would ultimately increase the
13 effects of inflation and home values, resulting in citizens facing a decrease in their real
14 buying power. The Legislature was compelled to provide relief to these citizens, and
15 with the passage of this bill, she was able to accomplish this goal; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Senator Cristobal also aided in the establishment of “Drug Free
17 School Zones” around the island with the enactment of **Public Law 23-87 (Bill No.**
18 **193)**, “*An Act to Add a New Chapter 48 to Title 17, Guam Code Annotated; and to Add*
19 *New §§80.33.01, 80.33.02, and 80.33.03 to Title 9, Guam Code Annotated; Relative To*
20 *Establishing “Drug Free School Zones” and Providing For Related Penalties,”* which
21 states that persons who possess, use, deliver, sell, or transport illegal drugs in or around
22 Guam’s schools shall face stricter and harsher penalties including longer prison terms.
23 Juvenile delinquents were also the target of the bill by stating that “Minors who violate
24 the drug free school zones policy may be, at the discretion of the courts, subjected to
25 more extensive community service, and they may even be tried as adults if a judge
26 believes that to be in the best interest of the student, the school, and the public in

1 general.” The intent of the Drug Free School Zones Act is to rid Guam’s schools of the
2 drug problems that run rampant in all other facets of our community; and

3 **WHEREAS, in Public Law 23-76 (Bill No. 194), “An Act to Add a New Chapter**
4 *91 To Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, to Establish the Natural Death Act,*” the
5 Legislature found that an adult person has the fundamental right to control the decisions
6 relating to the rendering of his or her own medical care, including the decision to have
7 life-sustaining treatment withheld or withdrawn in instances of a terminal condition or
8 permanent unconscious condition. With that in mind, the Legislature then declared that
9 the laws of the Territory of Guam shall recognize the right of any adult person to make
10 a written declaration instructing his or her physician to withhold or withdraw life-
11 sustaining treatment in the event of a terminal condition or permanent unconscious
12 condition, in the event that the person is unable to make those decisions for himself or
13 herself. Despite the numerous pleas of disapproval from various individuals in the
14 community, Senator Cristobal and her colleagues remained steadfast in their decision;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS, in Public Law 23-75 (Bill No. 352), “An Act to Amend 10 GCA**
17 *§12307, Relative to Providing Additional Criteria to Nurse Licensure by Adding*
18 *Continuing Education Units as a Means for Validating Re-Licensure,*” Senator
19 Cristobal and fellow members of the Legislature stated that the Nurse Practice Act and
20 the Guam Board of Nurse Examiner’s rules and regulations did not allow for nurses
21 who are not actively practicing to use Continuing Education Units (CEU) as a means of
22 validating their re-licensure in order to continue or re-enter nursing practice. They
23 believed that with the passing of this bill, Guam’s critical nursing shortage at the time
24 would be resolved; and

25 **WHEREAS, in Public Law 23-67 (Bill No. 159), “An Act to Repeal and Reenact**
26 *§7104 of Chapter 7, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Allowing Community*
27 *Access to School Facilities; to Repeal Subsection (b) of P.L. 23-45:IV:8, Relative to the*

1 90-Day Freeze on Hiring; and to Amend Subsection (b) Of P.L. 23-46:12, Relative to
2 Vacancies at the Department Of Education,” the Legislature’s intent was to allow
3 community residents and groups, with the approval of the respective school
4 principal/Tiyan facilities manager/staff development manager, and the Board of
5 Education, to utilize facilities such as classrooms, gymnasiums, sports fields, libraries,
6 cafeterias, or any other part or portion of a school that can generate funds, e.g. wall
7 space, for advertising during school off-hours; and

8 **WHEREAS**, other landmark legislation that Senator Cristobal was involved with
9 include **Public Law 23-25 (Bill No. 72)**, “*An Act to Add a New §68951 to Title 21,*
10 *Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Designating the Former Naval Facility Lands at*
11 *Ritidian Point as Property of the Government Of Guam, and to Demanding that the*
12 *Department of Defense Return These Excess Lands to the Rightful Owners from which*
13 *the Lands Were Originally Taken By Force, Deceit, and Outright Theft*”; **Public Law**
14 **23-23 (Bill No. 128)**, “*An Act to Create the Guam Land Repatriation Commission by*
15 *Adding a New Chapter 20 to Title 1, Guam Code Annotated*”; **Public Law 23-17 (Bill**
16 **No. 66)**, “*An Act Adopting the Regime of the United Nations Convention On The Law*
17 *Of The Sea (UNCLOS) with Respect to Guam's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and*
18 *Other Rights and Responsibilities Contained Therein, by Amending Subsection (a) Of*
19 *1 GCA §402, Repealing and Reenacting Subsections (b) and (c) of 1 GCA §402, Adding*
20 *New Subsections (d) and (e) to 1 GCA §402, and Adding a New 5 GCA §9107.1*”; **Public**
21 **Law 23-12 (Bill No. 28)**, “*An Act to Repeal and Reenact Article 7 of Chapter 63, Title*
22 *10, Guam Code Annotated, to Establish the Guam National Guard Code of Military*
23 *Justice*”; **Public Law 23-41 (Bill No. 260)**, “*An Act to Repeal §63106 of Chapter 63,*
24 *Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, and to Amend §4119 of Chapter 4, Guam Code*
25 *Annotated, Relative to the Utilization of Annual Leave by Government Of Guam*
26 *Employees for Purposes Relating to Their Active Membership in the Guam National*
27 *Guard*”; and **Public Law 23-36 (Bill No. 225)**, “*An Act to Amend §§4102, 4105, 4106,*

1 6102, 6103, and 4406 of Title 4 and §§31106, 31113(a), 16112, and 16113 of Title 17,
2 to Repeal §31113(c) of Title 17, and to Add a New Subsection (i) to §4403 and a New
3 Subsection (c) to §4402 of Title 4, all of the Guam Code Annotated, Pertaining to the
4 Academic Personnel and Autonomy of the Guam Community College and the University
5 of Guam, and Other Related Matters”;

6 **WHEREAS**, Auntie Hope and her family were confronted by potentially
7 devastating news and the frightening reality of her diagnosis of breast cancer in 2015.
8 Through this tough time, Auntie Hope and Uncle Andy continued to demonstrate their
9 profound love for one another, while teaching us that although we may not be able to
10 control the challenges that arise in our lives, we can certainly choose the way we
11 respond, and that we can respond as much as possible with love, courage, compassion,
12 humor, and honesty. While we have lost so many of our *Saina* to illness and war, Auntie
13 Hope reminds us to always find purpose in the way we live, to fight, to share our stories,
14 and to have pride in our scars, and we are so grateful that she is here with us today.

15 **WHEREAS**, Auntie Hope is quick to point out that through adversity can come
16 a life of fulfillment and positive outcomes, and she has demonstrated that by sharing
17 her personal stories with those whose lives she has touched; and

18 **WHEREAS**, throughout her life, Auntie Hope has been a pillar of excellence
19 and strength, and a primary example of a true champion of indigenous rights and
20 environmental stewardship, especially for young adults and our youth. As a Senator,
21 an eminent educator, an astute liaison of Oceania and larger global communities, an
22 adamant representative in local and Congressional meetings on Guam’s political status,
23 as a small business owner and backyard farmer, a respected *Saina* to those who seek
24 her wisdom and guidance, and as a *CHamoru* woman and loving mother striving always
25 to do right, Auntie Hope Alvarez Cristobal is a constant reminder that the only way to
26 achieve success in life is to persevere, be brave, and stand up like no other in order to

1 take action. Her outstanding dedication *yan i mesngnon-na* to improving the future of
2 our island will echo through generations to come; now therefore, be it

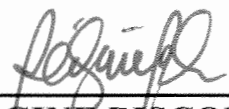
3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro Na*
4 *LiheSlaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I LiheSlaturan Guåhan* and the people
5 of Guam, recognize, distinguish, and appreciate the Honorable Hope Alvarez Cristobal,
6 former Senator, for her tremendous dedication and outstanding, unrelenting, and awe-
7 inspiring commitment to improving and enhancing the quality of life for the people of
8 Guam, and for promoting political dignity and a sustainable future for all generations
9 of Guam; and does further express *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to *Saina* Hope for
10 her extraordinary and exceptional service to our island, and extend sincerest regards and
11 best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors and aspirations; and be it
12 further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
14 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
15 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Hope Alvarez Cristobal, former
16 Senator, and her family; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen*
17 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 13TH
DAY OF DECEMBER 2017.**



BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Speaker



RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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Resolution No. 304-34 (COR) – Therese M. Terlaje, Telena Cruz Nelson, B. J.F. Cruz – “ Relative to recognizing, distinguishing, and appreciating the Honorable Hope Alvarez Cristobal, former Senator, for her tremendous dedication and outstanding, unrelenting, and awe-inspiring commitment to improving and enhancing the quality of life for the people of Guam, and for promoting political dignity and a sustainable future for all generations of Guam; and to further expressing *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to *Saina* Hope for her extraordinary and exceptional service to our island, and extending sincerest regards and best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors and aspirations.”

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Legislative Secretary Régine Biscoe Lee Chairperson	<i>Régine Biscoe Lee</i>	12/13/17	✓		
Speaker Benjamin J. F. Cruz Member	<i>evote</i>	12/13/17	✓		
Vice-Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	<i>evote</i>	12/13/17	✓		
Senator Thomas C. Ada Member	<i>evote</i>	12/13/17	✓		
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member	<i>evote</i>	12/13/17	✓		
Senator Telena Cruz Nelson Member					
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member	<i>evote</i>	12/13/17	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	<i>evote</i>	12/13/17	✓		
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member					
Senator James V. Espaldon Minority Leader					
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					

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