

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted
63-35 (COR)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes Amanda L. Shelton	Relative to recognizing and congratulating Rosalia “Mama Chai” Fejeran Mateo for being awarded the Public Citizen Award by the National Association of Social Workers – Guam Chapter, and to further extend and <i>Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'</i> for her contributions to our island landscape as an advocate in the work for our island's most vulnerable and for the people of Guam.	3/8/19 3:25 p.m.	3/15/19 5:00 p.m.	

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

WHEREAS, “Rosalia “Mama Chai” Fejeran Mateo is a Yo’åmte (master traditional healer), who has positively impacted many lives throughout her 63 years of service to the Guam community and the Micronesia Region. She is Saina to her 7 children, 40 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and 6 great-great grandchildren, as well as to many other children, youth and families who look to her for guidance and counsel; and

WHEREAS, Rosalia is fondly known as Mama Chai. She started her apprenticeship in traditional healing practices at the age of 19 under the mentorship of Yo’åmte Regina Terlaje. Mama Chai has learned and continues to exchange experiences with other traditional healers in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the late Yo’åmte, Emilio (Uncle Mil) Ayuyu introduced Mama Chai to members of the Haya Foundation. Uncle Mil encouraged her to join Haya Foundation to promote indigenous healing practices, and to teach those desiring to learn. With more encouragement by Yo’Amte Frances Meno, Mama Chai agreed. Mama Chai’s Håya family fondly describe

1 her to be “dudus” (flirty) and “tak’la’lu” (temperamental). She’s direct with her
2 approach when needed and mild when a client needs the tenderness and loving
3 care of a mom. Some are taken aback by her direct approach, but many persevere
4 and work with her and see phenomenal results and end up referring their friends,
5 families and acquaintances; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Many grow in awe of her selflessness, strength and
7 compassion. There are many testimonials of people who have been helped or
8 family members who witness her amazing gift in action such as: Men and women
9 who suffered strokes, resulting in limited physical mobility and speech
10 impairments, who then were helped to speak with more clarity and walk without
11 assistance; their emotional and mental health status also improved; A few
12 individuals suffering from diabetes and who faced possible amputations,
13 however, after receiving treatment from Mama, such surgeries were not needed;
14 Women who were experiencing fertility problems and conceiving, and felt
15 hopeless prior to being treated, yet returned the following year(s) with their babies
16 in tow, to honor and thank Mama Chai; and

17 **WHEREAS,** As tradition dictates, Mama Chai does not charge a fee for
18 her services. She attributes her abilities as a gift from the Ultimate Healer.
19 Tradition also dictates that people participate in their healing by caring for the
20 welfare and well-being of the healers with gifts of cash or goods. Aside from the
21 time spent helping people, she spends a lot of time tending to her plants and
22 gardens and going around the island to collect the medicinal plants, herbs and
23 trees to prepare her remedies; now therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED,** that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’Trentai Singko Na*
25 *Lihe slaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihe slaturan Guahan* and the
26 people of Guam relative to recognize and congratulate Rosalia “Mama Chai”
27 Fejeran Mateo for being awarded the Public Citizen Award by the National
28 Association of Social Workers – Guam Chapter, and to further extend and *Un*
29 *Dangkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’* for her contributions to our island landscape as

1 an advocate in the work for our island's most vulnerable and for the people of
2 Guam; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
4 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that
5 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Rosalia "Mama Chai" Fejeran
6 Mateo and to the Honorable Lourdes Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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8 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO**
9 **NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ____ DAY OF _____**
10 **2019.**