

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing and commending Josephine Mesa for being the “2011 Volunteer of the Year” for the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association, and for exemplifying the noble characteristics of a truly altruistic volunteer.

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

WHEREAS, a dream was conceptualized by a very remarkable woman by the name of Cecilia Bamba, to formulate a volunteers group for the Guam Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, this dream materialized forty-six (46) years later into an organization known today as the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association

1 (GMHVA), comprised of over one hundred (100) active members, who avail
2 themselves to lending their time, talent, and personal interest in caring for the comfort
3 and welfare of the patients at the Guam Memorial Hospital; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Josephine Mesa, affectionately known as “Jo”, is one such active
5 member, who also serves as the Association’s Vice President, and Jo has recently
6 been awarded the prestigious title of “Volunteer of the Year” for her outstanding and
7 committed service to volunteering with the GMHVA; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Jo is extremely deserving of this award, as it was her vision,
9 initiative, and tireless commitment that played a huge role in certain unprecedented
10 GMHVA activities; and

11 **WHEREAS**, it was Jo’s independent research that led to the Association’s
12 adoption of the President’s Volunteer Service Awards Program. Consequently, as a
13 result of these efforts, members who had accumulated at least one hundred (100)
14 hours of annual service received a recognition endorsed by the President of the United
15 States; and

16 **WHEREAS**, through her own initiative, Jo also prepared the nomination of the
17 GMHVA 2010 Volunteer Week events and activities for submission to the National
18 Volunteer’s Week competition; and as a result, the GMHVA won Third (3rd) place
19 nationwide and received national recognition in the Positive Promotions February
20 2011 issue, and a monetary prize of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00); and

21 **WHEREAS**, Jo also initiated a Volunteer’s Conference, in conjunction with
22 the recognition and awards day, as a means of generating ideas from the membership
23 to assist in the strategic planning. Through the work of the Volunteers Rock
24 Committee, the Conference was a huge success, resulting in positive feedback from
25 the members and overwhelming support for the Conference to become an annual
26 event; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Jo’s organizational skills and her commitment to follow through
2 with tasks and projects are reflected in many accomplishments, to include securing
3 more office space; obtaining furniture and supplies for the GMHVA; the fulfillment of
4 a promise from the First Lady of Guam to donate computers; the establishment of a
5 filing system for each of the Association’s projects for documentation purposes, and
6 as a guide to future chairpersons; and the coordination of the review of the U.S.
7 Internal Revenue Service guidelines for non-profits; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Jo has undoubtedly increased the GMHVA’s community image
9 and visibility, as she coordinated with Connor Murphy on the write-up and submission
10 of the GMHVA’s nomination to the American Hospital Association’s “Hospital
11 Awards for Volunteer Excellence” (HAVE); she assumed the responsibility of
12 preparing the Association’s “Big V” Newsletter; she participated in the Serve Guam!
13 Program; and she networked with other agencies in enlisting support for the
14 Association’s fundraising efforts; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in addition to her executive duties as the GMHVA Vice President,
16 Jo has additionally taken the lead in major fundraising efforts, to include chairing the
17 Thanksgiving Raffle and the Charity Ball, in which she took a committed effort to
18 solicit prizes, print and distribute tickets, and coordinate the raffle and prize
19 distribution; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Josephine Mesa has continued to raise the bar in the planning and
21 execution of all the projects that she has ever been involved in; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Josephine Mesa surely would make the founder of the Guam
23 Memorial Hospital Volunteer Association, Ms. Cecilia Bamba, proud, as Jo is an
24 exceptional volunteer, and she continues to be an inspiration to all; now, therefore, be
25 it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
3 of Guam, recognize and commend Josephine Mesa for her committed service to the
4 Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association; does congratulate her on being the
5 “2011 Volunteer of the Year” of the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers
6 Association; and does further extend *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to her for
7 exemplifying the noble characteristics of a truly altruistic volunteer, and for being an
8 inspiration to us all; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
10 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
11 the same be thereafter transmitted to Josephine Mesa; and to the Honorable Edward
12 J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 14TH DAY
OF APRIL 2011.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.

Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO

Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

Legislative Secretary