

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to commending Peggy E. York, Ph.D., for the outstanding contributions she has made to the people of Guam as a Psychologist with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; and to further extending a sincere *Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to her for helping to improve the quality and delivery of health care services to individuals with disabilities.

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

3 **WHEREAS, in 1972, Peggy E. York received her Bachelor of Arts degrees in**
4 **Psychology and English from the University of Texas, and she then went on to earn**

1 her Master of Science degree in 1975, and her Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1979,
2 from the Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in addition to her membership in the American Psychological
4 Association, Dr. York received her license as a Certified Forensic Evaluator in 1981
5 from the University of Virginia's Institute of Law, Psychiatry, and Public Policy, and
6 in that same year, she was also granted a license as a recognized Clinical Psychologist
7 by the Virginia State Regulatory Board's Department of Psychology; and

8 **WHEREAS**, throughout her career, Dr. York has held various administrative
9 and clinical positions, including her appointment to serve as the Facility Director for
10 Rubicon, Inc., from 1977 to 1978; as a Consultant to the Richmond Public School
11 System in 1978; and as a Consultant to the Richmond Community Mental Health
12 System in 1979; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Dr. York was then appointed to serve as the Senior Psychologist
14 for the City of Richmond's Mental Health Center, where she worked from 1979 to
15 1989; and from 1993 to 1995, she served as the Administrative and Clinical Director
16 for Urban Vision, a non-profit organization that was established to provide critical
17 services to homeless individuals with mental disorders; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in addition to her tenure with the Commonwealth of Virginia, Dr.
19 York also maintained her private practice, which allowed her to provide crises
20 evaluations, and triage assessments and referrals, among other psychological services,
21 for clients at the local correctional facilities in the State of Virginia; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in 2009, Dr. York found her way to the Department of Mental
23 Health and Substance Abuse (DMHSA), where she served as a Staff Psychiatrist, and
24 was appointed to help provide comprehensive psychological assessments, diagnoses,
25 and treatment evaluation services at a time when only two (2) psychologists were
26 employed at the agency on a full-time basis; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Dr. York agreed to a two (2) year employment contract under the
2 leadership of Dr. David Shimizu, and she would later assist the agency in addressing
3 various challenges that have long plagued the island's mental health system of care,
4 including the hiring of additional psychologists who, like her, shared an impressive
5 professional history; and

6 **WHEREAS**, together with the outstanding professional and support staff of
7 DMHSA, Dr. York worked diligently to improve various components of the agency,
8 including the completion of the Multi-Disciplinary Treatment Plans for clients; the
9 facilitation of individual, family, and group therapy; and the improved networking of
10 family members, service providers, and community groups; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Dr. York also strived to integrate the various standards of care
12 commonly found in similar health care facilities throughout the U.S. mainland. She
13 brought with her tangible experiences that helped DMHSA improve the quality and
14 delivery of health care provided to individuals with disabilities; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in April 2011, the clients and staff at the Department of Mental
16 Health and Substance Abuse will bid farewell to Dr. York as her tenure at the agency
17 concludes, thus ending yet another exciting and productive chapter in Dr. York's
18 commitment to public service; now, therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
20 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
21 people of Guam, commend Peggy E. York, Ph.D. for the outstanding and invaluable
22 contributions she has made to the people of Guam during her tenure as a Psychologist
23 with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; and does further extend
24 a sincere *Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to her for helping to improve the quality
25 and delivery of health care to individuals with disabilities; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
2 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
3 the same be thereafter transmitted to Peggy E. York, Ph.D.; to Mr. Wilfred Aflague,
4 Acting Director, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; and to the
5 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 28TH DAY
OF APRIL 2011.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary