

***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
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**Relative to commending Dr. John Sanchez, Program Chair  
of the University of Guam School of Education Master of  
Arts in Teaching Program; and to further congratulating  
the First Graduates of the Masters of Arts in Teaching  
Program.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the teaching profession continues to be a crucial component of the  
foundation of our democratic society;

**WHEREAS**, the shifting landscape of families, economics, schooling, and  
societal norms influences the required competencies and attitudes of the teaching  
profession;

1       **WHEREAS**, across the globe, higher educational institutions have  
2 implemented relevant, meaningful programs that meet these shifts in a profession that  
3 continues to address recruitment and retention challenges;

4       **WHEREAS**, the University of Guam, School of Education Masters of Arts in  
5 Teaching is one such program;

6       **WHEREAS**, the Masters of Arts in Teaching program prepares candidates with  
7 an undergraduate degree in other fields for the world of teaching as certified  
8 secondary classroom teachers;

9       **WHEREAS**, in 2007, Dr. John Sanchez initiated this program when he  
10 developed and implemented an accelerated certification program, also known as Fast  
11 Track, and he field-tested this alternative method of teacher preparation for those  
12 professionals seeking a career change over a three (3) year period, resulting in the  
13 certification of teachers in secondary education.

14       **WHEREAS**, Dr. John Sanchez used this knowledge and experience in the Fast  
15 Track program to create the Master of Arts in Teaching, which met the same  
16 certification goal, but also permitted the graduates to obtain a Master's Degree which  
17 focused upon theory, pedagogy, research, and practicum in issues relevant to the 21<sup>st</sup>  
18 Century, such as technology and diversity;


19       **WHEREAS**, three (3) cohorts have completed the certification program since  
20 its inception in October 2009, and we celebrate the first cohort of twenty-four (24)  
21 teachers who have completed the Master of Arts in Teaching program in May 2011;  
22 now, therefore, be it

23       **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*  
24 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
25 of Guam, recognize, commend and thank Dr. John Sanchez, Program Chair for the  
26 University of Guam School of Education Master of Arts in Teaching program for his

1 leadership in the development and implementation of this innovative teacher  
2 preparation program; and does further congratulate the first Graduating Cohort of the  
3 Master of Arts in Teaching - Hedi Frieders, Roy Ausec, Evelyn V. Caraig, Gemma Vi  
4 Doculan, Catherine Erne, Denise Sulla Mathews, Lorena Morgan, Martina J. Nelson,  
5 Gloria P. Obias, Yvonne Patnude, Flora-Rose Paulino, Frankie Perez, Ellen A. Petra,  
6 Karrie Runles, Juan P. Serrano, Catherine B. Techaira, Sheena Unangst, Erika Becht  
7 Dooley, Clint Gianchand , Sabina F. Perez, Sung Yul Kim, Ervin Santiago, Amanda  
8 G. Sanchez Wooley, and Maria Christina R. Diaz; and does commend them for their  
9 commitment to building the future of our island; and be it further

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

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF MAY 2011.**

  
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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
Speaker

  
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Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
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