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Relative to recognizing Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt, Ph.D, Professor of Library Science and Micronesian Studies, University of Guam, on his retirement; and to further honoring him for his accomplishments in academic research, his work in the compilation, recordation and publication of the history of Guam and Micronesia, and in the development of *guampedia.com*, Guam's first online encyclopedia.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS,** after receiving his Masters of Arts in English in 1981 from the
4 University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt enlisted in the

1 United States Peace Corps and began his service in education and learning in the
2 Pacific as an English Lecturer at the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji,
3 from 1983 to 1985; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt embraced the “Ocean World” culture
5 in Fiji, which inspired him to pursue a second (2nd) Masters of Arts Degree in Library
6 and Information Studies from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1986; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt enveloped research interests in Pacific
8 Bibliographic Studies, Cross Cultural Studies of Information and Knowledge,
9 Technology Transfer, Pacific Library History, Communal and Indigenous Contexts,
10 and Theory Development; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt continued his research in Guam and
12 assumed a position at the University of Guam as a Reference Librarian at the Robert
13 F. Kennedy Memorial Library, beginning his academic research of Guam and
14 Micronesia; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in 1997, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt became a Professor of Library
16 Science and Micronesian Studies, and he was charged with the responsibility of
17 overseeing the operations of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library at the
18 University of Guam; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt received his Doctorate in Library and
20 Information Studies from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1997, where he
21 presented his dissertation entitled: “Tacking into Context: The Roots of LSCA Public
22 Library Services in Micronesia among the Oral Heritages and Changes of an Ocean
23 World”; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt would continue to devote his life to
25 academic research leading him to initiate and spearhead the development of
26 “Guampedia.com” with regard to the planning of the encyclopedia structure,

1 including the content of the encyclopedia entries covered in sixteen (16) subject areas
2 related to Guam's history and culture. Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt envisioned that the
3 primary contribution of "Guampedia.com" is to provide quality information on
4 Guam's history and culture, and that is available to all free of charge; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt authored the following publications:
6 *"Guåhan: a Bibliographic History"*, published in 2011 by the University of Hawaii
7 Press; *"Pacific Ethnomathematics: A Bibliographic Study"*, published in 2008 by the
8 University of Hawaii Press; *"Micronesian Histories: An Analytical Bibliography and*
9 *Guide to Interpretations"*, published by Greenwood Press; *"Indigenous Literature of*
10 *Oceania: A Survey of Criticism and Interpretation"*, published in 1995 by
11 Greenwood Press; *"Indigenous Navigation and Voyaging in the Pacific"*, published
12 in 1992 by Greenwood Press, CHOICE Outstanding Academic Book List selection;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt's forthcoming publications are: *"A*
15 *History of Guam's Historiography: The Influence of Isolation and Discovery"*,
16 Pacific Asia Inquiry-Multidisciplinary Perspectives, and *"Pacific Ethnomathematics:*
17 *The Richness of Environment and Practice"*, Journal of Mathematics and Culture
18 (*Journal of the North American Study Group on Ethnomathematics*) , forthcoming,
19 Volume 6, Number 1, 2011; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt used his experience and knowledge to
21 write grants resulting in the acquisition of Four Hundred Eleven Thousand Dollars
22 (\$411,000) from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH); and One
23 Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$129,000) from the U.S. Department of
24 Interior, which was used to create Guampedia.com, and to make significant progress
25 in the content of the online encyclopedia; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt was the past Editor-in-Chief for
2 Guampedia.com for seven (7) years, and he currently serves as Guampedia's
3 Humanities Scholar, ensuring the academic integrity of the website, and he was the
4 past Treasurer and Secretary for the Guampedia Foundation Board of Directors; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt also served on many local boards, to
6 include the Guam Humanities Council Board of Directors (1998 to 2007), and was its
7 Chairman (2004 to 2006); Chairman of the Grants Review Committee (1999 to 2005),
8 in which he enabled the successful completion of numerous humanities projects
9 related to the *Chamorro* people and the history of Guam; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt currently serves as the Chairman on a
11 wide range of UOG Committees, to include the Graduate Curricula Review
12 Committee and University Faculty Senate; and he is a Senior Affiliate for the Pacific
13 Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) Organization in Hawaii; and

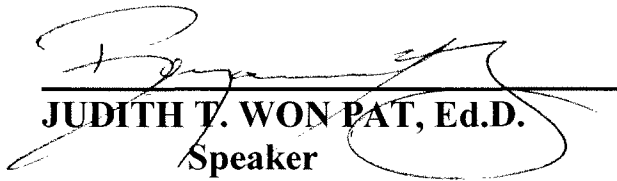
14 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt has been recognized with many awards
15 to honor him for his tremendous contributions to Guam's history, and to praise him
16 for his humbleness, his selflessness, and the distinguished character that he radiates;
17 now therefore, be it

18 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
19 on behalf of the people of Guam, highly recognize Dr. Nicholas J. Goetzfridt, Ph.D.,
20 for his more than twenty (20) years of service with the University of Guam, does
21 commend him for his tremendous leadership and contributions in the education and
22 research of Guam's history, and in the continued growth of Guampedia.com; and does
23 further congratulate him and wish him well on the occasion of his retirement; and be it
24 further

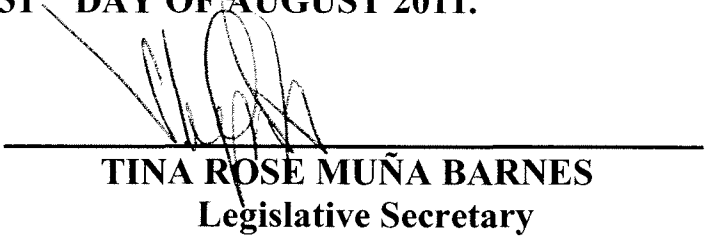
25 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
26 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr.

- 1 Nicholas J. Goetzfridt, Ph.D.; to the Honorable Robert A. Underwood, President of
- 2 the University of Guam; to Dr. Kimberly Kehling, Executive Director of the Guam
- 3 Humanities Council; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 31ST DAY OF AUGUST 2011.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary