

***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
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**Relative to commending and congratulating Major Jessie Peter Quinene Tupaz on the occasion of his retirement from the government of Guam, after dedicating more than twenty-eight (28) years of service to the Department of Corrections; and to further extending a most sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to his family in recognition of their support of his service to the people of Guam as a Corrections Officer, and his leadership as a Corrections Supervisor.**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2   ***GUÅHAN*:**

3        **WHEREAS**, Jessie Peter Quinene Tupaz was born on February 9, 1962, in the  
4   southern village of *Mallesso*; and is the son of †Francisco Tupaz Tupaz and the former  
5   †Rosemarie Baza Quinene of *Tai, Mangilao*; and

1       **WHEREAS**, Jessie is the eldest child of eight (8) children, and his siblings are:  
2   Rose Therese, Timothy Kent, Bernice Frances, Christine Anne, Frederick Phil,  
3   Darlene Marie and Roberto Vincent; and being the eldest child, leadership and  
4   responsibility skills were instilled early in Jessie's childhood, a trait that carried on  
5   throughout his life and career; and

6       **WHEREAS**, Jessie Tupaz attended primary school at the Captain H. B. Price  
7   Elementary School in *Mangilao*; intermediate school at the *Barrigada* Junior High  
8   School (now Luis P. Untalan Middle School) in *Barrigada*; and in 1980, Jessie  
9   graduated from the George Washington Senior High School (GWSHS) in *Mangilao*,  
10   Guam. He then began working with the *Morale, Welfare and Recreation* services at  
11   the Naval Base, Guam; and

12       **WHEREAS**, on May 20, 1984, Jessie Tupaz joined the Department of  
13   Corrections (DOC) as a Corrections Officer I, and within a span of two (2) years he  
14   began his ascent through the ranks climbing the career ladder; in February of 1986, he  
15   was promoted to the rank of Corrections Officer II; in March of 1989, he was  
16   promoted to Corrections Officer III, with the rank of Corporal; and in March of 1996,  
17   he became a Lieutenant, and assumed the role of Corrections Officer Supervisor II;  
18   and

19       **WHEREAS**, on May 21, 1988, Jessie married the former Angelina Quitugua  
20   Afleje, a fellow Corrections Officer, and together they built their home in *Mogfog*,  
21   *Dededo*, and they raised four (4) beautiful daughters: Tanya Jo, Jesi JuRie, Nykole  
22   Lynn and Elize Chantel; and

23       **WHEREAS**, in tandem with his career as a Corrections Officer, Jessie Tupaz  
24   continued to hone his knowledge and leadership skills necessary for his profession; in  
25   1993, then-Corporal Tupaz graduated from the Guam Community College's Criminal  
26   Justice Academy, Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Correctional Cycle, and was the Class Valedictorian; and

1       **WHEREAS**, in the fall of 1996, with the support of his wife, Angelina, and his  
2 family, then-Lt. Tupaz pursued a higher level of education and he enrolled as a full-  
3 time student at the University of Guam as a recipient of the Pedro “Doc” Sanchez  
4 Scholarship, and he managed to juggle the duties of a husband, a father of four (4)  
5 young daughters, a career in public safety as a Corrections Supervisor, and a  
6 University student; and

7       **WHEREAS**, in 1998, while successfully balancing the demands of higher  
8 education, a career in corrections, and his commitment to family, then-Lieutenant  
9 Tupaz was promoted to the rank of Captain, and he was designated as the Correctional  
10 Facility Assistant Superintendent with the Department of Corrections. Shortly  
11 thereafter, in May of 2001, Captain Tupaz earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in  
12 Public Administration from the University of Guam School of Business and Public  
13 Administration; and

14       **WHEREAS**, on September 30, 2011, Captain Jessie Q. Tupaz will officially  
15 retire from the government of Guam with a final promotion to the rank of Major; and  
16 with over twenty-eight (28) years of dedicated service to the island community as a  
17 Peace Officer through his employment with the Department of Corrections, Major  
18 Jessie Q. Tupaz will depart from the confines of DOC, his final stint as the  
19 Correctional Facility Assistant Superintendent, Operations Commander Third Platoon;  
20 and immediate past-Commander of the Elite Special Operations Response Team  
21 (SORT) with Tactical Weapons; and

22       **WHEREAS**, throughout his years of service, Major Tupaz had served in  
23 various capacities with the Department of Corrections, including as the Commander or  
24 Supervisor of various units or platoons; as Operations Commander, Third Platoon,  
25 2010 to the present; as SORT Commander, 2000 to 2011; as Administrative and  
26 Financial Affairs Officer, 2007 to 2010; as Certifying/Chief Financial Officer, DOC,

1 2007, and 2009 to 2010; as Adult Correctional Facilities Operations Commander,  
2 2005 to 2007; as Internal Affairs Officer-in-Charge, 1997 to 1998; as Unit Manager of  
3 the Community Corrections Center, 1989 to 1996; as *Hagåtña* Detention Facilities  
4 Commander, 1998 to 2005; and as Facility Superintendent (Warden), Acting, April to  
5 December 2003; and

6       **WHEREAS**, the duties and roles of Major Tupaz as a Corrections Officer and  
7 Supervisor included, but were *not* limited to, the following: manpower analysis and  
8 recommended assignment of personnel; evaluated and reviewed programs and  
9 activities concerning Department of Corrections matters to ensure efficient and  
10 effective services were being rendered; conducted management audits to minimize  
11 fraud, waste, and abuse of DOC resources; reviewed, revised and summarized  
12 specialized institutional records relative to accidents, operations, inmates' activities,  
13 population and operational issues; prepared technical reports relative to institution  
14 organization and administration; assisted in the formulation and execution of  
15 progressive programs for the care, treatment, training, discipline, custody,  
16 employment, and rehabilitation of all inmates under the Department's purview;  
17 assisted in the administration, supervision and oversight of policies and programs of  
18 the various divisions, sections and related activities of the Department of Corrections,  
19 to include the Adult Correctional Facility, the *Hagåtña* Detention Facility, and support  
20 components; administered various security programs for DOC relative to the control  
21 of inmates/detainees by applying principles and best practices of a modern penal  
22 institutional management program, to include recreational and rehabilitation  
23 programs; and

24       **WHEREAS**, Major Tupaz served as a member of the DOC  
25 recruitment/promotional boards; he was a key member on the introduction and  
26 implementation of the management information system technologies at DOC; he was

1 a member of the executive management team responsible for overseeing fiscal and  
2 administrative matters for the Department, and from 2007 to 2010, he handled  
3 responsibilities traditionally performed by a Deputy Director, to include the  
4 preparation of departmental budgets, reports, requisitions, issuance of supplies and  
5 equipment, and the maintenance of building and grounds; and he also advised the  
6 Director of Corrections, and formulated and implemented organizational policies and  
7 procedures with respect to organizational vision, goals, and objectives during that  
8 time; and

9       **WHEREAS**, Major Tupaz has been part of the Department of Corrections  
10 institution for most of his professional life, and he has demonstrated a true and  
11 continuing commitment towards the mission of DOC, rendering quality services to the  
12 Officers, Staff, Management, Associates, Clients, and the general public; and

13       **WHEREAS**, Major Tupaz exemplified professionalism as a Corrections  
14 Supervisor and Officer, and he consistently received recognition for his work ethic.  
15 Among the many honors and awards Major Tupaz has received are: the Distinguished  
16 Medal for his work at DOC in 2006; a Commendation Medal in 2005, as well as being  
17 named as the Manager of the Year, DOC, for government employees and agencies in  
18 2006; and in 1993, 1994 and 1996, he received multiple Supervisor of the Year  
19 Awards, DOC,; and he also earned a Life Saving Award by the Guam Fire  
20 Department in 1997; and

21       **WHEREAS**, Major Tupaz regularly and actively engaged in extra-curricular  
22 activities, and served or led various department committees, including the Corrections  
23 Week Committee, the Labor Day Picnic Committee, the Liberation Day Committee,  
24 and various department and community sports committees; as well as serving on  
25 subcommittees of past Governors' transition and inter-government teams; and he

1 represented DOC in advisory meetings of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial  
2 branches of government; and

3       **WHEREAS**, Major Tupaz is expertly proficient in the field of Corrections  
4 Administration and law enforcement philosophy, and has extensive experience and  
5 training at all levels of law enforcement and corrections facility management, to  
6 include human resources, departmental budgets and administrative activities. Major  
7 Tupaz’s objectives and goals were always to ensure that personnel would uphold to  
8 the highest standards of excellence required of them as public servants, while  
9 providing the requisite services to the client population of the corrections facility.  
10 Jessie is a self-starter, a workhorse, a team player, a creative problem-solver, and he  
11 possesses high ethical standards and leads by example; and the Corrections  
12 Community will miss his presence, work ethic and dedication to excellence; and

13       **WHEREAS**, during his retirement ceremony Major Tupaz was lauded for his  
14 many years of service to DOC in a Citation bestowed upon him by Mr. Jose A. San  
15 Agustin, Director, Department of Corrections, on behalf of Governor Eddie Baza  
16 Calvo, Lt. Governor Ray Tenorio, Warden Francisco B. Crisostomo, and the men and  
17 women of Depcor; Major Tupaz was recognized for his “...Commitment, Dedication  
18 & Loyalty as a Corrections Officer with the Guam Department of Corrections in  
19 Providing Custody & Care, Safety & Security for Our Island and Her People”; now  
20 therefore, be it

21       **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people  
22 of Guam, commend and congratulate Major Jessie Peter Quinene Tupaz on the  
23 occasion of his retirement from the government of Guam, after dedicating more than  
24 twenty-eight (28) years of service to the Department of Corrections; and does extend a  
25 most sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to Major Tupaz’s wife, Angelina, and  
26 their children, Tanya Jo, Jesi JuRie, Nykole Lynn and Elize Chantel, in recognition of

1 their support of his service to the people of Guam as a Corrections Officer, and his  
2 leadership as a Corrections Supervisor; and does further extend best wishes and  
3 Godspeed to Jessie and his family as he enters the ranks of the retired class, and  
4 readies to enjoy the practice, title and benefits afforded to grandparents with the title  
5 of “Papa”; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,  
7 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Major  
8 Jessie Peter Quinene Tupaz and family; to Major Francisco B. Crisostomo, Warden  
9 and Prison Administrator, Department of Corrections; to Mr. Jose A. San Agustin,  
10 Director, Department of Corrections; to the Honorable Melissa S. Savares, Mayor of  
11 *Dededo*; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate to the U.S. House  
12 of Representatives; and to the Honorable Edward J. B. Calvo, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2011.**

  
BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ  
Acting Speaker  
TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES  
Legislative Secretary