

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Resolution No. 203-31 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and commending Mr. Edward H. Taitano for his thirty (30) years of exemplary social work service to Guam's youth; to extending *Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to him for his invaluable contributions to Guam; and to further congratulating him on his retirement, on behalf of the people of Guam.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Edward H. Taitano is a proud father of two (2) sons and one (1) granddaughter, and he is married to Karen Y. Taitano; and

WHEREAS, in August 1980, Mr. Edward H. Taitano began his exceptional career at the Department of Education, working at the Chief Brodie Memorial School, where he was a Social Work Practicum Student, and whose duties included

1 counseling, advocating for the rights of the disabled, and preparing and planning the
2 educational program packets for disabled individuals; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in October 1982, Mr. Taitano began working at the Department of
4 Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), Medical Social Services, as a Social
5 Worker I preparing psychosocial assessments on patients in the Services for
6 Handicapped Children clinics, conducting home visits, and providing counseling
7 services to patients and their families regarding their family members' medical
8 condition; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in October 1984, as a Social Worker II of DPHSS, Mr. Taitano
10 continued his diligent work in the Medically Indigent Program (MIP), where his
11 various duties included explaining and interpreting the MIP program policies and
12 procedures to patients and their families; providing counseling to patients regarding
13 their medical condition; and assisting patients to help alleviate emotional, social
14 and/or financial problems related to their illness; and

15 **WHEREAS**, from August 1986 to March 1989, Mr. Taitano continued his
16 outstanding work as a Social Worker III at DPHSS in the Residential Treatment
17 Services Division, providing primary care to emotionally-disturbed children in the
18 Guam *Manhoben* Program (GMP), and providing on-site counseling to assist with
19 adjustment problems and immediate crisis intervention to clients and their families
20 through the transitional phase of placement into the GMP; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Taitano provided subordinate social workers with guidance
22 relative to GMP policies and procedures; assisted in the planning and coordination of
23 GMP activities; assisted in planning, scheduling, and conducting case conferences
24 with other disciplines for treatment planning and evaluation of clients; and acted as a
25 liaison between the subordinate social workers, the residence staff and supervisor, and
26 the administrator of the program; and

1 **WHEREAS**, from 1989 to 1993, Mr. Taitano continued his dedicated work to
2 the residents of Guam as a Social Worker III at the Department of Mental Health and
3 Substance Abuse in the Case Management Branch, where he conducted on-going
4 client assessments and outreach follow-ups to ensure smooth client adjustment and
5 social functioning into the community for the adult mentally ill population; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Taitano coordinated and participated in case conferences (i.e.,
7 Adult Inpatient Treatment meetings, Group Consults, Guam *Manhoben* and Day
8 Treatment meetings) for treatment planning and evaluation of cases; he provided
9 supportive counseling to clients, their family and/or significant others; and he assisted
10 clients in overcoming the barriers of discrimination and stigma due to their mental
11 disability; and

12 **WHEREAS**, from 1993 to 1994, Mr. Taitano began working at the Department
13 of Youth Affairs (DYA) as a Social Worker III in Youth Development to assist and
14 rehabilitate Guam's youth; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Taitano provided case management services to clients
16 confined at the Youth Correctional Facility and Cottage Homes; and he provided each
17 minor with casework representation at court by presenting both verbal and written
18 reports of their progress and workers' recommendations during progress and
19 dispositional hearings. Mr. Taitano assumed the roles of liaison and advocate, while
20 collaborating with other agencies on the minor's behalf, and maintained daily contacts
21 with Youth Service workers to insure compliance with all court orders, treatment
22 plans and stipulations; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Taitano developed a Counseling Unit, with one (1) licensed
24 therapist on board, and one (1) Youth Service worker to assist in coordinating the
25 "Jumpstart" program, to transition clients back into their home environment, with
26 community and agency support; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Taitano consulted with other specialists in the field of
2 counseling to ensure consistency of standards and professional ethics within this unit
3 and he continued to develop and modify the two (2) programs, based on client and
4 staffing needs, relative to a youth correctional environment. Mr. Taitano developed a
5 database of all clients confined at the DYA and conducted daily assessments to
6 identify the treatments needed, and make the appropriate recommendations; and

7 **WHEREAS**, from 1998 to the present, Mr. Taitano has continued his illustrious
8 career in social work as a Supervisor I at DYA, where he diligently continues his work
9 relative to Work Planning and Performance Evaluation of subordinate staff in
10 implementing and administering the Jumpstart Program; and he continues to develop,
11 update and maintain the DYA Client Database and the Jumpstart Client Database; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Taitano has fulfilled various other tasks at DYA, to include
13 serving as Acting Administrator for Youth Development, as Court Officer, and as
14 Acting Casework Supervisor; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Taitano has inspired the minds of students at the University of
16 Guam, where he was an Adjunct Instructor and taught SO 386 – Juvenile
17 Delinquency; and SO 400 – Fields of Social Work Practice: Youth Services for the
18 Sociology Department; and

19 **WHEREAS**, since 2003, Mr. Taitano has been working in the Juvenile Drug
20 Court (JDC) Program as an Individual, Marriage and Family Therapist, where he
21 works with families referred by the JDC program to identify problematic areas,
22 dysfunctional thoughts and/or behaviors; and

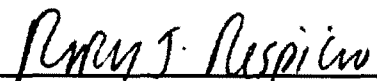
23 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Taitano's innovations at DYA, his inspiration as an Adjunct
24 Instructor at UOG, and his work at DYA, DMHSA and DPHSS, along with his
25 continuous participation in community activities, has made him an important altruistic
26 asset to the residents of Guam; now therefore, be it

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 Mr. Edward H. Taitano for the invaluable
4 contributions he has made in social work for over thirty (30) years; does congratulate
5 him on the occasion of his retirement; and does further extend a most sincere *Un*
6 *Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to him for his diligent dedicated service to Guam and
7 its people; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
9 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
10 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Edward H. Taitano; to the Department of
11 Youth Affairs; to the Department of Public Health and Social Services; to the
12 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; to the University of Guam; to the
13 Superior Court of Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren*
14 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 30TH DAY
OF SEPTEMBER 2011.**


BENJAMIN J.F. Cruz
Acting Speaker


RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules


TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary