

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing and commending Dr. Elizabeth M. Venditti for her contributions to educating the Guam community on the prevention and control of diabetes and to welcome her to Guam as a Guest Speaker of Group Lifestyle Balance Program Workshop.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Dr. Elizabeth M. Venditti received her Bachelor of Arts in
4 Psychology with honors from Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island and
5 attended the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for her master's

1 degree in Clinical Psychology in 1983 and finished her doctorate degree in Clinical
2 Psychology in 1989; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Venditti's professional experience started in 1978 as a
4 research associate at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and Obesity
5 Research Group in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania until 1980;

6 **WHEREAS**, in 1985 , she started her internship as Clinical Psychology in New
7 York University-Bellevue, Department of Psychiatry, New York, NY ; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Venditti was the recruitment coordinator and interventionist
9 for EPICS Program of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and Western
10 Psychiatric Institute and Clinic in Pittsburgh, PA from 1986 to 1991; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 1991, she became the project coordinator and interventionist
12 for Behavioral Weight Control Program, Family History of Diabetes Study,
13 University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic
14 in Pittsburgh, PA until 1995; and

15 **WHEREAS**, she also maintained her private clinical practice from 1991 to
16 2006 with specialization on adolescent and adult psychotherapy in Pittsburgh, PA; and

17 **WHEREAS**, her professional accomplishments include her appointments as
18 program coordinator of the Diabetes Prevention Program of the University of
19 Pittsburgh Medical Center, and Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic (1995-1996);
20 coordinator, Lifestyle Resource Core, Diabetes Prevention Program, University of
21 Pittsburgh Medical Center and Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic (1996 -2002);
22 Associate Director , Behavior Core , Obesity Nutrition and Research Center,
23 University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine , Pittsburgh, PA (2004-2009); and

24 **WHEREAS**, currently, she is an assistant professor of Psychiatry, Department
25 of Behavioral Medicine, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA;
26 and

1 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Venditti's other experience and professional membership
2 includes American Psychological Association (APA) ; National Diabetes Education
3 Program (NDEP), American Diabetes Association (ADA), North American
4 Association for the Study of Obesity (NAASO) and Editorial Board of DOC News
5 from 2005 to 2008; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in addition to her academic and professional experience, Dr.
7 Venditti had also published works in various publications and journals that dealt with
8 diabetes disease and diabetes care; and

9 **WHEREAS**, she had considerable experience in designing, training and
10 evaluating interventions for the prevention and treatment of obesity and type 2
11 diabetes in adults and youth . Her most significant continuing role is being the
12 Director of the Lifestyle Resource Core for the Diabetes Prevention Program
13 Outcomes Study (DDPOS) in which she examines the role of treatment for eating and
14 physical activity behaviors as they related to a variety of metabolic, physiologic and
15 psychological/behavioral outcomes in diabetes and the metabolic syndrome; and

16 **WHERAS**, the information shared by Dr. Venditti with the people of Guam
17 will be very important in our continuing efforts to control diabetes on Guam; and

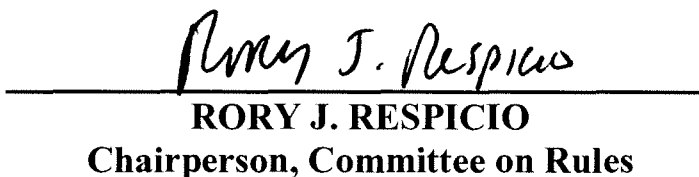
18 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Venditti's extensive body of academics and research
19 experience in diabetes diseases will be very helpful to the community; and now,
20 therefore be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
22 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
23 of Guam, recognize and commend Dr. Elizabeth M. Venditti for her contribution to
24 educating the Guam community on the prevention and control of Diabetes and to
25 welcome her to Guam as one of the resource persons Group Lifestyle Balance
26 Program Workshop; 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 Dr. Elizabeth M. Venditti; to Mr. Peter R. Sgro,
4 Jr., President and Chairman, Guam Healthcare and Hospital Development Foundation
5 and Social Services and to the Honorable Edward 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 5TH DAY OF
OCTOBER 2011.**


BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker


RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules


RORY J. RESPICIO
Acting Legislative Secretary