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Relative to congratulating and commending Ms. Nia Aitaoto, M.P.H, M.S.E., for her contributions to educating the community on the prevention and control of diabetes; and to welcoming her to Guam as a Guest Speaker at the Twelfth (12th) Annual Guam Diabetes Association Conference.

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

3 **WHEREAS, Ms. Nia Aitaoto, M.P.H., M.S., received her M.P.H in**
4 **Community Health Development and her M.S. in Epidemiology from the University**
5 **of Hawaii at Manoa; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Aitaoto is currently completing her doctoral studies in
2 Community and Behavioral Studies at the University of Iowa, College of Public
3 Health; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Aitaoto's aspiration to investigate the health disparities
5 among Pacific Islanders was brought forward by the caring of her ailing grandmother;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Aitaoto is currently the Principal Investigator of the Faith in
8 Action Research Alliance, and the Coordinator for the Pacific Diabetes Education
9 Program at Papa Ola Lokahi, where she has provided health education, community
10 mobilization training and technical assistance in American Samoa, the
11 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia,
12 Guam, Hawaii, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Aitaoto has been awarded the prestigious R21 grant from the
14 National Institute of Health (NIH). This exploratory grant provides Ms. Aitaoto, and
15 her project team, with the opportunity to gather preliminary data on culturally
16 appropriate, evidence-based interventions for diabetes prevention and management
17 among Pacific Islanders; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the R21 grant has brought together a team of academics,
19 researchers and public health practitioners, as well as community leaders and
20 stakeholders, to investigate this health disparity in the Pacific Islands and to develop
21 innovative, and culturally-relevant, health interventions utilizing a Community-Based
22 Research model; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Aitaoto has also shared her expertise as a Health Resources and
24 Services Administration Grantee Technical Assistance Expert for Hawaii and Guam,
25 and as a Contractor providing Cultural Competency Training; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Aitaoto has extensive experience in cultural competency
2 training with a focus on Pacific Island cultures; and she has also published numerous
3 articles on issues of health in Pacific Island cultures; and


4 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Aitaoto's extensive knowledge and experience in diabetes
5 issues is beneficial in the treatment and prevention of diabetes, and very helpful to the
6 people of Guam; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Guam is proud and honored to welcome Ms. Aitaoto to our island
8 as a Guest Speaker at the Twelfth (12th) Annual Guam Diabetes Association
9 Conference to share her expertise in diabetes with the people of Guam; now therefore,
10 be it

11 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
12 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Ms. Nia Aitaoto, M.P.H.,
13 M.S.E., for her contributions to educating the community on the prevention and
14 control of diabetes, and does welcome her to Guam as a Guest Speaker at the Twelfth
15 (12th) Annual Guam Diabetes Association Conference; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
17 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Nia
18 Aitaoto, M.P.H., M.S.E.; to the Guam Diabetes Association; and to the Honorable
19 Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER 2011.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary