

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing and commending Lydia Diaz Tenorio, Administrator of the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services Bureau of Social Services Administration, on being selected by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to receive the “Commissioner Bryan Samuels Award” for her leadership and exceptional contributions in the prevention of child abuse and neglect; and to further honoring her for her exemplary service in child welfare for over thirty (30) years.

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

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1982, Lydia Diaz Tenorio began her government of Guam
2 career as a Social Worker, and she has assumed increased responsibilities in various
3 positions, now serving as the Administrator of the Department of Public Health and
4 Social Services Bureau of Social Services Administration (BOSSA); and

5 **WHEREAS**, throughout her years of service on Guam, Lydia Diaz Tenorio
6 has exhibited outstanding leadership in the field of child welfare and human services,
7 always advocating for solutions and working out of the “silos” to solve complex
8 children, youth and family problems; and

9 **WHEREAS**, for more than twenty (20) years, many task forces, councils, and
10 inter-disciplinary teams, including the Military Family Advocacy Committee, the
11 Sexual Assault Response Team Steering Committee, and the Healing Hearts Center
12 have benefited from the commitment and dedication of Lydia Diaz Tenorio; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Lydia Diaz Tenorio is a founding member of the Foster Families
14 Association, ensuring support and promoting the mission of the organization to help
15 recruit foster families, and to support the children while in foster care; and

16 **WHEREAS**, through the efforts of Lydia Diaz Tenorio for and on behalf of
17 BOSSA, there have been many partnerships forged with community and nonprofit
18 organizations to promote civic participation in the care of children, such as the
19 Kiwanis Club, who annually sponsor Easter activities; the more than twenty-five (25)
20 years of sponsorship with the Sugar Plum Tree, who give gifts to needy children and
21 the elderly on Christmas; the Harvest Christian Church, who collaborate on foster care
22 recruitment; and also with Sanctuary, Incorporated and Catholic Social Services to
23 provide emergency shelter and residential care for homeless, abused and neglected
24 children; and

25 **WHEREAS**, understanding the importance and professional responsibility to
26 be participatory in public policy, Lydia Diaz Tenorio has been active in the crafting of

1 legislation that supports programs and policies that will strengthen a comprehensive
2 and responsive continuum of services for children and youth, such as the child care
3 standards legislation; the elimination of the statutes of limitation for the reporting of
4 sexual assault against child victims; the establishment of a sexual assault prevention
5 education curriculum in all public schools; and the revision of the Juvenile Justice
6 Codes, including the Family Court and Child Protective Services Acts; and

7 **WHEREAS**, exhibiting good teamwork values and embracing the system of
8 care concepts, Lydia Diaz Tenorio assisted and contributed in the drafting and
9 implementation of major federal grants, such as the grant from the Substance Abuse
10 and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to the Department of Mental
11 Health & Substance Abuse to serve adolescents with Serious Emotional Disturbances;
12 and a second grant to the Department of Public Health & Social Services to develop
13 Guam's Early Childhood System of Care, where she served as Interim Project
14 Director, providing much needed leadership to ensure the infrastructure was in place
15 and in compliance with grant requirements; and

16 **WHEREAS**, on January 3, 2012, the United States Department of Health and
17 Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, wrote to inform
18 Lydia Diaz Tenorio that she was selected to receive the "Commissioner Bryan
19 Samuels Award" for her exceptional contributions to the prevention and treatment of
20 child abuse and neglect on Guam; and

21 **WHEREAS**, because of Lydia Diaz Tenorio's consistent and remarkable work
22 for Guam's children and families, depicting a high standard of service and deep
23 commitment to her island, she is an inspiration to her staff, her colleagues, and the
24 many community partners she has worked with over the years locally, regionally and
25 nationally; now therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
2 on behalf of the people of Guam, highly recognize and commend Lydia Diaz Tenorio
3 on being selected by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to receive
4 the “Commissioner Bryan Samuels Award” for her leadership in the prevention of
5 child abuse and neglect; and does further honor her for her thirty (30) years of service
6 with the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services, her overwhelming
7 number of accomplishments, her extraordinary leadership, and her selfless
8 contributions to the children, youth and families of Guam; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
10 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Lydia
11 Diaz Tenorio; to James Gillan, Director of the Guam Department of Public Health and
12 Social Services; to Ovita Perez, President of the National Association of Social
13 Workers (NASW) Guam Chapter; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, Calvo, *I*
14 *Maga'lahren* *Guåhan.*

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 31st DAY OF JANUARY 2012.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary