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Relative to recognizing and commending Dr. Hiro Kurashina for his contribution and dedication to the Richard Flores Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center (MARC); and to further extending a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for his service to the people of Guam.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS, Dr. Hiro Kurashina is the Emeritus Director of MARC, and was**
4 **appointed by the Board of Regents and the President of the University of Guam**
5 **(UOG) in 2004; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Kurashina served as the Director of MARC for twelve (12)
2 years, from 1991 to 2003. Initially employed by UOG in 1980, he was a full-time
3 faculty member until he took on the administrative position at the Micronesian Area
4 Research Center (MARC), now known as the Richard Flores Taitano Micronesian
5 Area Research Center (MARC); and

6 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Kurashina earned his Ph.D., M.A. and B.A. degrees in
7 Anthropology at the University of California at Berkeley, with an emphasis in Old
8 World Archaeology. He graduated with honors both in general scholarship and
9 Anthropology; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Kurashina was inducted into the Alpha Chapter of *Phi Beta*
11 *Kappa* of California upon his graduation. As a graduate student, Dr. Kurashina was a
12 member of an Archaeology Field School in the Levant in the Near East under the
13 auspices of the Smithsonian Institution; and

14 **WHEREAS**, with financial support from the National Science Foundation, Dr.
15 Kurashina spent several field seasons conducting paleoanthropological research as a
16 member of the UC Berkeley Expedition to the Afar Rift, under the direction of Dr. J.
17 Desmond Clark; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Kurishina's research in East Africa resulted in two (2) co-
19 authored publications in the British Scientific Journal *Nature*. He also received a
20 grant from the National Geographic Society to direct an archaeological research and
21 student training project at *Tarague* Beach in northern Guam from 1980 to 1984, which
22 laid the foundation for hands-on archaeological field schools of cultural sites within
23 the Pacific region; and

24 **WHEREAS**, from the mid to the late 1980s, Dr. Kurashina and Dr. Rebecca A.
25 Stephenson, in collaboration with Dr. Yosi Sinoto of the Bernice P. Bishop Museum,
26 directed an Earthwatch Project in the Cook Islands with funding from the Center for

1 Field Research and the South Pacific Commission. At the invitation of the Bernice P.
2 Bishop Museum in Hawaii, Dr. Kurashina was a Visiting Scholar there in the mid
3 1980s; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Kurashina's research within Micronesia has not only
5 contributed significantly to scholarly knowledge, but has also helped to develop the
6 historical register of our region; and

7 **WHEREAS**, more recently, Dr. Kurashina has served as an Adjunct Affiliate
8 Member of the Balinese Project, which was co-directed by Dr. Agustin Fuentes of the
9 University of Notre Dame and Dr. Rebecca A. Stephenson; and

10 **WHEREAS**, recent writings of Dr. Kurashina include chapters in books
11 published by the Cambridge University Press, the Gadjadara University Press, the
12 Academic Press, the Mayfield Publishing Company, and others; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Kurashina has recently served as a Consultant for the National
14 Endowment for the Humanities in Washington, D.C. He was a Charter Member of the
15 Guam Preservation Trust, and he has continually served on the Commonwealth of the
16 Northern Mariana Islands Historic Preservation Review Board since its inception in
17 1983; and


18 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Kurashina is a recipient of several awards, including the
19 CNMI Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award through the NMI Council for the
20 Humanities; the Japanese Foreign Minister's Award; a Guam Legislative Resolution;
21 and a Congressional Record Citation in the U.S. House of Representatives; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Kurashina now co-chairs the MARC Advisory Council with
23 Dr. Lorraine Yamashita. He is an honorary member of the Board of Directors of the
24 Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Guam, and a member of the Research Committee
25 of the Guam Visitors Bureau; now therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
2 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Dr. Hiro Kurashina for his
3 service and dedication to the people of Guam and Micronesia; and does further extend a
4 sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for his important undertakings, and
5 for his outstanding commitment; 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 Dr. Hiro
8 Kurashina; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 12TH DAY OF MARCH 2012.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary