

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing and commending Minister Faustina K. Rehuher-Marugg for her contributions and dedication to the Richard Flores Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center (MARC); and to further extending a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to her for her service to the people of Guam.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Minister Faustina K. Rehuher-Marugg has more than three (3)
4 decades of experiences in the development of the arts, culture and history of Palau.
5 Her knowledge and skills in the fields of museology, anthropology, arts, natural

1 history, and Pacific Studies have contributed to the preservation, development and
2 promotion of Palau's natural, cultural and historical heritage in the Pacific region.
3 With her experience and proficiency, she is an advocate for Pacific peoples; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Minister Faustina K. Rehuher-Marugg has served as head of the
5 Republic of Palau Ministry of Community & Cultural Affairs since February of 2009,
6 following her tenure as Director and Curator of the Belau National Museum for over
7 thirty (30) years; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Minister Faustina K. Rehuher-Marugg holds a Master's Degree in
9 Pacific Islands Studies from the University of Hawaii, along with an extensive
10 academic background with regional and international institutions; and

11 **WHEREAS**, among many local, regional and international affiliations,
12 Minister Faustina K. Rehuher-Marugg is a founding member of the International
13 Federation of Arts Councils & Culture Agencies (IFACCA); she has served as
14 Chairperson of the Pacific Islands Museums Association (PIMA); she is a founding
15 member of the Pacific Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives
16 (PARBICA); she served as a Chairperson of the Cultural Committee for the Palau
17 National Commission on UNESCO & World Heritage, and is a founding board
18 member of the Palau Conservation Society; she has also served as Chairperson of the
19 Board of Directors of the Palau Visitors Authority; and she is a founding board
20 member for the Palau Resources Institute, and a member of the Palau Chamber of
21 Commerce; and

22 **WHEREAS**, being a member of the Palau National Commission on UNESCO,
23 chairing the Cultural Committee, and as Minister of Community & Cultural Affairs,
24 Minister Faustina K. Rehuher-Marugg works towards the preservation and promotion
25 of culture and arts (both traditional and contemporary), as one of her primary focuses;
26 and

1 **WHEREAS**, her initial work towards having Palau ratify the Convention on
2 Intangible Cultural Heritage, World Heritage Convention, as well as her work on
3 Traditional Knowledge and Expressions of Culture law, which is presently under the
4 Palau National Congress for review and adoption, have been important milestones for
5 Palau; and

6 **WHEREAS**, as a founding board member of the Pacific Islands Museums
7 Association (PIMA), ICOMOS Pacifica, the Pacific Regional Branch of the
8 International Council on Archives (PARBICA), and the International Federation of
9 Art Councils and Culture Agencies (IFACCA), her work in the region has been
10 advocating for cultural preservation and promotion programs; and

11 **WHEREAS**, as Minister of Community & Cultural Affairs, she initiated the
12 First Annual Taro Festival in 2011, with the idea to promote the natural, cultural, and
13 economic and health aspects of taro; and

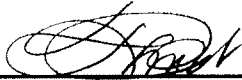
14 **WHEREAS**, in addition, her work with the Council on Pacific Art and Cultural
15 Heritage in coordination with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC),
16 involves the four (4)-year Festival of Pacific Arts. She initiated a dialogue to have
17 Palau be the first country in the Northern Pacific to host this event as the Ninth (9th)
18 Festival of Pacific Arts in 2004; now therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
20 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Ms. Faustina K. Rehuher-
21 Marugg for her service and dedication to the people of Guam and Micronesia; and
22 does further extend a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to her for her
23 important undertakings, and for her outstanding commitment; and be it further

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
25 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms.

- 1 Faustina K. Rehuher-Marugg; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'laha*
- 2 *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