

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing and congratulating the Pacific Islands Small Business Development Center (PISBDC) Network on its seventeenth (17th) year anniversary celebration; and to further extending a warm *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the PISBDC Counselors and Staff for its dedication and service to the community and the economic development of Guam and Micronesia.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS,** the mission of the Pacific Islands Small Business Development
4 Center (PISBDC) Network is to support the growth and economic development of the

1 U.S.-affiliated islands of the Western Pacific Region, by providing one-to-one
2 confidential counseling and high quality training to existing small businesses, and to
3 small business startups; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the University of Guam School of Business and Public
5 Administration's Pacific Islands Small Business Development Center Network is
6 celebrating its seventeenth (17th) year anniversary of the program in Guam and
7 Micronesia; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the program was first brought to the region on May 5, 1995, when
9 the Guam Small Business Development Center was established at the University of
10 Guam. The Network has since grown to seven (7) service centers throughout Guam
11 and Micronesia, and are located in the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall
12 Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia (Chuuk, Kosrae and Yap), and the
13 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

14 **WHEREAS**, since the start of the program, the PISBDC Counselors and Staff
15 have assisted seven thousand five hundred thirteen (7,513) clients; have provided
16 fifty-two thousand seventy-six (52,076) hours of counseling; and have held two
17 thousand three hundred seventy-seven (2,377) training events, with thirty thousand
18 three hundred seventy-seven (30,377) attendees; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the PISBDC has assisted its clients in starting five hundred
20 seventy-three (573) businesses, creating one thousand seven hundred seventy-eight
21 (1,778) jobs, and retaining or saving one thousand two hundred nineteen (1,219) jobs;
22 and

23 **WHEREAS**, the PISBDC is proud to be able to serve the regional
24 entrepreneurs that are looking to start or expand their businesses; and


1 **WHEREAS**, the Pacific Islands Small Business Development Center Network
2 is an accredited member of America's Small Business Development Center (ASBDC),
3 one of sixty-three (63) Networks nationwide; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Pacific Islands Small Business Development Center Network
5 continuously provides assistance to the Guam and Micronesia economy, and provides
6 quality service for our islands to move forward; now therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
8 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Pacific Islands Small
9 Business Development Center Network on its seventeenth (17th) year anniversary; and
10 does further extend a warm *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the PISBDC
11 Counselors and Staff for its contributions to the community, and to the economic
12 development of Guam and Micronesia; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
14 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Casey
15 Jeszenka, the Pacific Islands Small Business Development Center Network Director;
16 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 25TH DAY OF APRIL 2012.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
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