

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing and honoring Ms. Anuncia Reyes Salas as she celebrates the one hundred first (101st) year of her life; and to further commending her as a “2012 Senior Citizens’ Month Centenarian”.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS,** Anuncia Reyes Salas was born on March 25, 1911, in *Hagåtña*,
4 Guam; and she is the third child of the six (6) children of †Antonio Reyes and †Ana
5 Quitugua; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Anuncia is of *Chamorro* descent, and is fluent in speaking the
2 *Chamorro* language; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Anuncia was married to †Mr. Juan Guerrero Balajadia for twenty-
4 four (24) years, and together they raised ten (10) children: †Priscilla, Rosario,
5 Concepcion, †Priscilla, Maria, Anna, Lourdes, Barbara, Prepedigna and Joseph; as
6 well as Rufina Taijeron Megofna, a niece that she had reared since nine (9) years of
7 age due to the passing of her parents; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Anuncia and her family eventually moved to *Tiyan* from *Hagåtña*
9 when the Japanese military invaded Guam in 1941. During that time, Anuncia helped
10 her husband raise chickens and pigs, as well as grow crops. She and her family
11 continued to reside in *Tiyan* until 1944, when they marched to *Mata* in *Talofofo*,
12 which was one of the concentration camps during the Japanese occupation of the
13 island; and

14 **WHEREAS**, during that time, when Anuncia and her reared daughter were
15 fishing in the San Antonio District, presently known as East *Agaña*, Anuncia heard a
16 cry from a nearby house, where she found an infant who was only a few weeks old left
17 alone. After waiting several hours, the infant's mother returned and told Anuncia that
18 she did not want the infant. Being the devoted and caring person that Anuncia is, she
19 and her family cared for the infant, who later passed away at the *Mata* Concentration
20 Camp; and

21 **WHEREAS**, after the war and the Japanese occupation ended, Anuncia moved
22 to *Socio, Tamuning* with Mr. Balajadia and their children. In 1952, Anuncia's husband
23 passed away, which resulted in Anuncia becoming a single parent and sole provider
24 for the family; and

1 **WHEREAS**, to ensure that she provided for her children’s livelihood, Anuncia
2 made and sold doughnuts, washed and ironed people’s clothes, and planted
3 vegetables; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 1963, she married †Juan Benavente Salas, who loved her and
5 cared for her children. Anuncia and Mr. Salas were married for eight (8) years until
6 his passing in 1971; and

7 **WHEREAS**, although Anuncia worked hard to provide for the needs of her
8 children, she enjoys planting flowers, playing bingo and making herbal medicine,
9 which she practiced as a *Suruhana*; and

10 **WHEREAS**, as a *Suruhana*, Anuncia’s skills and compassion in helping to heal
11 others attracted people from around the island. Anuncia refused to be paid monetarily
12 for her services; however, the people that she helped were grateful to the point that she
13 remembered sometimes coming home and finding a freshly cooked chicken with a
14 note of “Thanks” on the table for her services; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Anuncia is a devout Catholic, and is known to be deeply rooted in
16 her faith. When she was approached to be recognized as a *Suruhana* Master, she
17 turned down the offer because she said the only reward she wants is from God, who
18 gave her the gift of healing. Anuncia had expressed that everything that she has is
19 from God; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Anuncia is known to be a devoted, loving and caring mother,
21 grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother. She is blessed with
22 thirty-one (31) grandchildren, eighty-six (86) great grandchildren, and thirty (30)
23 great-great grandchildren; now therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
25 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and honor Ms. Anuncia Reyes Salas on
26 celebrating one hundred one (101) years of life; and does further commend her as a

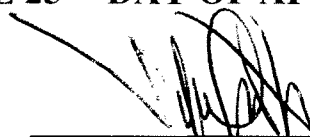
1 “2012 Senior Citizens’ Month Centenarian”, and for her dedication and service to the
2 people of Guam; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
4 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms.
5 Anuncia Reyes Salas; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga’lahen*
6 *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



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
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