

**(I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 442-31 (LS)

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Relative to recognizing and commending Mr. Alfred B. Valles, State Director, Hawaii-Pacific Region, U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) Office of Apprenticeship, for the invaluable assistance and contributions he has provided to Guam's Department of Labor(GDOL) and the future implementation of Apprenticeship Programs; to extending a most sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to Mr. Valles for his invaluable assistance in creating apprenticeship laws leading to Guam's recognition by the U.S. DOL relative to such programs; and to further expressing the best wishes of the people of Guam to Mr. Valles on the occasion of his retirement.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Alfred B. Valles is the State Director for the U.S.
4 Department of Labor's (U.S. DOL) Office of Apprenticeship, and is responsible for
5 all U.S. registered apprenticeship programs in the Pacific area; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Valles' office, located in Honolulu, Hawaii, has jurisdiction
7 over Hawaii, Guam, the Republics of Palau and the Marshall Islands, the
8 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and the
9 Federated States of Micronesia; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Valles is the ideal person to lead an Apprenticeship Office,
11 having been associate faculty at Pima Community College in Tucson, Arizona for 12 years and
12 obtained subsequent employment as a construction manager with Sundt Corporation International;
13 followed by entering the Arizona Carpenters Apprenticeship Program, sponsored by
14 the United Brotherhood of Carpenters International & Associated General
15 Contractors of America Union (UBCI & AGCA), graduating from the program and
16 applying his journeyman skills for several years before becoming a construction
17 manager in Arizona and Colorado, and later serving in the U.S. Air Force; and

18 **WHEREAS**, after his military service, Mr. Valles was selected as an
19 Apprenticeship Training Director in Arizona by the UBCI & AGCA, and during his
20 nineteen (19) year tenure, he created the state's first-ever apprenticeship programs for
21 seven (7) different Native American Indian tribes, utilizing his Native American
22 heritage, in part, to achieve success; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in 1992, Mr. Valles was hired by the Hawaii Office of
24 Apprenticeship, U.S. DOL, using his experience, training and multi-cultural heritage
25 to great advantage in the management of an area, including numerous islands and

1 ethnicities across the Pacific Ocean, and beginning his years-long relationship with the
2 Registered Apprenticeship Program in Guam; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in 2005, Mr. Valles worked with the GDOL and *I Liheslaturan*
4 *Guåhan* (the Guam Legislature) in drafting what is now the Guam Registered
5 Apprenticeship Program, Public Law 28-142, which became law on July 18, 2006
6 with Governor Felix Camacho's signature, its purpose being to increase the number of
7 highly skilled workers by encouraging employers to hire and train apprentices in
8 highly skilled trades and occupations, authorizing tax credits for certain long term
9 apprenticeship training expenses, and ensuring that apprentices continue to pay
10 income taxes and participate in the economy; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 2005, Mr. Valles and the GDOL began working to have the
12 U.S. DOL designate Guam as a State Apprenticeship Agency, and they were
13 instrumental in development of the draft legislation further designating GDOL as the
14 Registration Agency; and

15 **WHEREAS**, on November 4, 2011, the U.S. DOL granted recognition to the
16 Guam Registration Agency, within the State Apprenticeship Agency, for federal
17 purposes related to apprenticeship programs and agreements; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Valles is now working with *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* (the
19 Governor of Guam) to establish an Apprenticeship Act for Guam, one of his final
20 accomplishments prior to his upcoming, well-deserved retirement in December 31,
21 2012; now therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
23 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Mr. Alfred B. Valles of the
24 United States Department of Labor for the contributions he has made to Guam and its
25 people; does extend a most sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to Mr. Valles
26 for his invaluable assistance in creating apprenticeship laws leading to Guam's

1 recognition by the U.S. DOL relative to such programs; does express the best wishes
2 of the people of Guam to Mr. Valles on the occasion of his retirement and does further
3 acknowledge the many efforts made by the U.S. DOL on behalf of the people of the
4 Pacific islands, including Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
5 Islands, American Samoa; the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republics of
6 Palau and the Marshall Islands; and be it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attests to,
8 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr.
9 Alfred B. Valles, State Director, Hawaii-Pacific Region, U.S. Department of Labor
10 Office of Apprenticeship; to the Honorable Hilda L. Solis, Secretary of the U.S.
11 Department of Labor; to the Honorable Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary of
12 Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor; to Richard
13 Trigg, Regional Administrator, Region 6, U.S. Department of Labor; to the Honorable
14 Neil Abercrombie, Governor of the State of Hawaii; to George Santos, Director,
15 Guam Department of Labor; to Alfredo Antolin, Director, Guam Agency for Human
16 Resources Development; to Dr. Mary A.Y. Okada, Ed.D., President, Guam
17 Community College; and to the Honorable Edward B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS 1ST DAY OF JUNE 2012.



JUDITH T. WON PAT Ed. D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary