

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 510-31 (COR)

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Relative to commending and congratulating Mrs. Cecilia “Cis” A.T. Lizama on the occasion of her retirement from the Public Defender Service Corporation; and to further extending a warm and sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’* to her for her more than sixteen (16) years of dedicated service to the government of Guam, and to the people of Guam.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA’***
2 ***TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS, Mrs. Cecilia “Cis” A.T. Lizama began her career in the field of**
4 **accounting when she first became an Accounting Clerk with FHP, Inc., in 1980; and**

1 by the time she left the company in 1989, she had worked her way up to the position
2 of Bookkeeper III; and

3 **WHEREAS**, while being gainfully employed, Cis continued in her pursuit of a
4 higher education; and in May 1991, Cis obtained her BBA in Accounting from the
5 University of Guam; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in 1991, Cis was employed with Deloitte and Touche, where she
7 held the position of Staff Auditor, preparing financial statements, and performing field
8 work of audit engagements in governmental and health maintenance organizations, as
9 well as hotel and retail entities; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in November 1995, Cis entered public service, serving as the
11 Chief Fiscal Officer for the Public Defender Service Corporation (PDSC), a position
12 that she currently holds; and

13 **WHEREAS**, on April 28, 1997, Cis became a Certified Public Accountant
14 (CPA) in and for the territory of Guam, receiving her certificate from the Guam Board
15 of Accountancy; and

16 **WHEREAS**, after joining the Public Defender Service Corporation, Cis was
17 faced with the tremendous task of restoring credibility and order to the Fiscal
18 Division, particularly with regards to its financial records; and

19 **WHEREAS**, during her tenure, standard operating procedures and policies
20 were developed and implemented so that the PDSC's Fiscal Division was brought into
21 compliance with accounting and other financial mandates; and

22 **WHEREAS**, there was a time when the PDSC was criticized and was known
23 for being "problematic" with regards to its responsiveness to other government
24 agencies' inquiries relative to financial matters; but with Cis' dedication to the job at
25 hand, this criticism has since discontinued; and

1 **WHEREAS**, despite being given additional responsibilities, such as the
2 Domestic Violence Program and the establishment of the Office of the Alternate
3 Public Defender, Cis never faltered in her commitment and diligence to her duties and
4 responsibilities as the Corporation's money manager; and

5 **WHEREAS**, her hard work, dedication and loyalty to the mission of the PDSC
6 are best exemplified in the "CLEAN" audits that the Corporation has consistently
7 received under her watch; inclusive of the timely submittals of required financial
8 reports, prompt payments to vendors, and the punctual deposits for PDSC payroll; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Cis maintains professional affiliations, to include serving as a
10 Member of the Association of Government Accountants, Guam Chapter; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Cis is also an active community leader, serving as a Lector for the
12 *Niño Perdido Y Sagrada Familia* Church Parish in *Asan*; and she is also a Member of
13 the *Una Voce* Choir for the *Blessed Diego Luis de San Vitores* Church Parish in
14 *Tumon*; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Cis is married to Eloy S. Lizama, and they have a son, Elijah
16 James Lizama; now therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
18 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
19 people of Guam, commend and congratulate Mrs. Cecilia A.T. Lizama on the
20 occasion of her retirement from the Public Defender Service Corporation; and does
21 further extend a warm and sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to her for her
22 more than sixteen (16) years of dedicated service to the government of Guam, and to
23 the people of Guam; and be it further


24 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
25 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of

- 1 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Cecilia A.T. Lizama; and to the Honorable
2 Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 25TH DAY
OF SEPTEMBER, 2012.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



RORY J. RESPICIO
Acting Legislative Secretary