

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 522 -31 (COR)

Introduced by:

R. J. Respicio

Relative to commending and congratulating Dana Quenga Cruz Kim, a proud member of *Taotao Tåno'*, on her graduation from the *Chamorro* Arts Apprenticeship Program under the master of *Chamorro* dance, Frank Rabon, and on receiving her certification as a cultural arts teacher.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:

WHEREAS, Dana Quenga Cruz Kim was born August 9, 1971, and currently resides in the village of *Dededo*, Guam. She is the proud daughter of Daniel Diaz Cruz (*familian Tanaguan*) and Josephina Santos Quenga (*familian Tanaguan*), and was raised with the traditions of our *Chamorro* people; and she speaks, writes, reads and comprehends the *Chamorro* language fluently; and

WHEREAS, Dana Quenga Cruz Kim began her primary education at Maria A. Ulloa Elementary School (1975), and completed her education at John F. Kennedy High School (1989); and

WHEREAS, Dana Quenga Cruz Kim, a traditionally recognized *Fafa'nå'gue* for *Guma Taotao Lagu*, has completed all the levels in her *Chalan Lina'la* (*åplok, månha, måsun, yan fåha*), and has met all the requirements by the Master of *Chamorro* Dance, Frank Rabon, to be certified as a *Chamorro* Traditional Arts Instructor; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1986, Dana Quenga Cruz Kim began her cultural studies in
2 *Chamorro* dance, songs, chants and weaving under the Master of *Chamorro* Dance,
3 Frank Rabon, as a sophomore at John F. Kennedy High School, and she was one of
4 the members of the first *Chamorro* dinner show within Guam’s tourism industry
5 (Pacific Star Hotel – 1987); and

6 **WHEREAS**, as a member of *Taotao Tåno’*, Dana represented the *Chamorro*
7 people at three (3) Festivals of Pacific Arts (1996, 2008 and 2012); at the World
8 Cultural Festivals in the United States in 1998, Taiwan in 1999 and 2001, and Korea
9 in 2002 and 2003; and at cultural festivals in the Pacific Region beginning in 1995;
10 and she assisted the Guam Visitors Bureau in promotional tours throughout Asia and
11 the Pacific (Japan, Taiwan, Korea, Philippines, Indonesia, Australia, New Guinea),
12 and the United States; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Dana Quenga Cruz Kim’s guidance under the Master of
14 *Chamorro* Dance inspired her to perpetuate her passion in the preservation,
15 perpetuation, protection and education of *Chamorro* dance, songs, chants and weaving
16 by formulating her school-based group “Maria A. Ulloa Elementary School – *Taotao*
17 *Lagu’* (People from the North),” now known as “*Guma Taotao Lagu’*”, and
18 community-based in 2007, whereby receiving Legislative Resolutions, certificate
19 awards from schools, community, civic organizations, government agencies, private
20 businesses, and the tourism industry; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Dana’s cultural house (*Guma Taotao Lagu*) has provided
22 *Chamorro* cultural performances for the community of Guam, the government of
23 Guam, Guam’s tourism industry, and private businesses; and she has provided
24 valuable volunteer services in mentorship, and knowledge of the *Chamorro* language
25 and culture to the underprivileged members of our society, most especially the

1 Northern Districts of *Dededo* and *Yigo*, and has volunteered her services to our elderly
2 community since 2007; and

3 **WHEREAS**, through Dana Quenga Cruz Kim's mentorship and guidance, she
4 has inspired many of the members within her cultural house (*Guma Taotao Lagu*) to
5 pursue a healthy lifestyle, to address social issues, and to take pride in the *Chamorro*
6 culture; now therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
8 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
9 of Guam, commend and congratulate Dana Quenga Cruz Kim on her graduation from
10 the *Chamorro* arts apprenticeship program under the master of *Chamorro* dance,
11 Frank Rabon, and on receiving her certification as a cultural arts teacher; and be it
12 further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
14 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
15 the same be thereafter transmitted to Dana Quenga Cruz Kim; to *Pa'a Taotao Tåno'*;
16 and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.