

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
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Resolution No. 624-31 (LS)

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Relative to commending and congratulating Eileen Meno on being awarded the title of “*Master of Chamorro Dance*” by the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency.

BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN*:

WHEREAS, Ms. Eileen Meno received her education from *Inarajan* Elementary School, *Inarajan* High School, and the University of Guam, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in *Chamorro* Language Studies; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Ms. Meno began her cultural studies as an apprentice of Mr. Frank Rabon, *Master of Chamorro Dance*; and she studied under the auspices of Mr. Rabon for twenty-one (21) years; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Meno’s contribution to the preservation of the *Chamorro*
2 culture continues through her integration of *Chamorro* dance, songs, and chants in her
3 *Chamorro* language courses which she taught previously at Untalan Middle School,
4 and currently at George Washington High School; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 2000, Ms. Meno spearheaded the formation of the school-based
6 group, “*Famagu’on Oro*”, now known as “*Guma Irensian Taotao Tano*”, which
7 received awards and certifications from schools, civic organizations, government
8 agencies, private businesses and tourism entities across the island; and

9 **WHEREAS**, alongside such contributions, Ms. Meno has represented the
10 *Chamorro* people as a member of *Guma Irensian Taotao Tano*’ at the Festival of
11 Pacific Arts, and the World Cultural Festivals in the United States (1998), Taiwan
12 (1999 and 2001), Europe (2001), South Korea (2002 and 2003), and Mexico (2002);
13 and with the Guam Visitors Bureau in promotional tours throughout the Asia-Pacific
14 region and the United States; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Meno and *Guma Irensian Taotao Tano*’ have invaluable
16 contributed to the preservation and growth of the *Chamorro* tradition and culture
17 through their performances and through the provision of volunteer services to the
18 elderly and the underprivileged members of society; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Meno has fostered a sense of civic responsibility and cultural
20 preservation in our island’s youth through her work with the community, and with
21 *Guma Irensian Taotao Tano*’; and

22 **WHEREAS**, alongside her contributions to *Chamorro* culture and tradition,
23 Ms. Meno has contributed over three thousand six hundred (3600) volunteer service
24 hours to AmeriCorps; she has served as *Taotao Manaitai*, *Kantora* and *Manufong*
25 *Limosna* at *San Isidro* Church; and she had been nominated by Untalan Middle School
26 as the 2005 Humanities Traditional Teacher of the Year; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Meno's nomination herein has been recommended by
2 esteemed institutions as varied as the Guam Department of Education, *Inarajan*
3 Middle School, the *Barrigada* Mayor's Office, *San Isidro* Catholic Church, and the
4 Division of *Chamorro* Affairs of the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities
5 Agency; now therefore, be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
7 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Eileen Meno on being
8 awarded the title of *Master of Chamorro Dance* by the Guam Council on the Arts and
9 Humanities Agency; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
11 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Eileen
12 Meno; to Mr. Joseph Artero Cameron, President, Guam Council on the Arts and
13 Humanities Agency; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2012.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary