

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing and commending Mrs. Nora Razo on the occasion of her retirement from the government of Guam, Department of Public Health and Social Services; and to further extending a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to her for her thirty-four (34) years of service to the island.

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Nora Razo, LPN II, has been working as a nurse for the past thirty-four (34) years. She started her career as a Licensed Practical Nurse in

1 May 1978. Mrs. Razo received an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing at the
2 University of Guam; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Razo has been married to Mr. Benedicto Razo, an Army
4 Veteran, for the past thirty-nine (39) wonderful years, and together they have three
5 (3) children: Michelle, Cindy and Christopher Ben. Additionally, they are blessed
6 with three (3) beautiful grandchildren. Mrs. Razo loves orchids and will be
7 tending to them, with her grandchildren by her side, after her retirement; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in her career as a professional nurse, Mrs. Razo developed a
9 strong clinical background in individual and family care. She has a track record as
10 an effective team player and is able to utilize a systems approach in problem
11 solving. She is committed to the medical profession, and also to quality patient
12 care. Her nursing style is to blend professionalism and compassion towards the
13 patient's medical and emotional needs within the hospital, and in the clinical
14 facility environment. She has been known to communicate well with doctors,
15 colleagues, patients and families; and

16 **WHEREAS**, on May 7, 1978, Nora began working at the Guam Memorial
17 Hospital, serving at the OB Ward, Labor & Delivery, and the Newborn Nursery.
18 For twelve (12) years, she garnered nursing skills in caring for maternity patients
19 and newborns. These skills included certifications in Intravenous Therapy,
20 Electrocardiogram (ECG). Additionally, she took care of intermediate newborns
21 in the incubators that require oxygen and special treatments. Mrs. Razo assessed
22 comprehensive obstetric and gynecological history. She was a compassionate and
23 caring nurse towards the women's and newborn's care. She continually provided
24 professional nursing services towards the pregnant woman in labor, and informed
25 the family of any changes in the patient's care or status. She taught new mothers
26 on the proper way to breastfeed their infants, and she continually advocates for

1 breastfeeding. Nora was responsible in giving medications to obstetric and
2 postpartum patients, monitoring IV fluids, and conducting treatments as ordered by
3 the doctors; and

4 **WHEREAS**, on April 18, 1991, Nora began working at PacifiCare, which is
5 now known as FHP, where she was given high letters of recommendation by the
6 doctors and her supervisor during her work there for fourteen (14) years. In those
7 years, she worked in the Urgent Care, the IV Therapy Department and the
8 Pediatrics Department. She participated in the management of patient flow,
9 administering professional nursing care, pediatric physical examinations,
10 childhood immunizations, and acute patient care, such as asthma treatment and
11 intravenous therapy. She conducted diabetic teachings, hypertensive prevention,
12 proper nutrition in specific age groups, cast care, pain management, and prevention
13 of injuries; and

14 **WHEREAS**, from December 2003 to the present time, Mrs. Razo has
15 worked at the Department of Public Health Central Region Health Clinic (CRHC),
16 for a total of nine (9) years. During those years, she acquired knowledge and
17 professional nursing ability in the Maternal Child Health Clinics, Communicable
18 Disease Clinics, Immigration Clinics, Hansens (Leprosy) Clinics, Immunization
19 Clinics, Shriners Clinics and Genetics Clinics. She does not hesitate to respond to
20 medical emergencies within Public Health, such as responding to a young female
21 that required first aid care after a vasovagal episode at the laboratory; a diabetic
22 client feeling dizzy at the food stamp area; and an elderly man that was bitten by a
23 dog while walking to Public Health. She administered childhood vaccines, such as
24 Dtap, Polio, Prevnar, Measles-Mumps-Rubella, Varicella, Rotavirus, MCV4,
25 Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Human Papilloma Virus, Tdap, and Influenza during the
26 immunization clinics; and she teaches the parents on the vaccines' possible side

1 effects and nursing care. She was instrumental in identifying children with special
2 health care needs, such as those with autism, cleft palate, and bowlegs during the
3 Immunization Walk-in Clinics, and refers them to the medical social worker and
4 clinicians for appropriate follow-up, such as at the Shriners clinics which are held
5 twice a year at CRHC; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Razo has participated in numerous Public Health
7 activities throughout her career, such as being trained by the Department of
8 Homeland Security to counter terrorism in Radiological Weapons of Mass
9 Destruction, in 2006 and 2007. Furthermore, she was trained as a first responder
10 by the agency for Toxic Substances for Chemical Agents of Opportunity for
11 Terrorism in 2008; and she was instrumental in advocating for LPN recruitment
12 and retention through PL 27-156; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Razo was also the recipient of many awards for her
14 invaluable contributions, such as the 2009 Homeless Point-In-time Count; the 2008
15 Guam Child Immunization Week; the 2007 Adult Immunization Outreach; the
16 Immunization Program at the 2007 Dental Fair; Nurse's Month in May 2006; and
17 Nurse's Month May 2005. Additionally, Nora received other commendations, such
18 as a letter that was written to her in May 2012 by the DPHSS Director to recognize
19 her for her invaluable contributions, her continuing support, and her dedication in
20 providing needed medical care to the people of Guam. Moreover, a letter of
21 recognition was given to Mrs. Razo for her invaluable contributions at the Healthy
22 Mothers Healthy Babies Island Wide Health Fair in October 2010; a Governor's
23 Certificate of Appreciation was given to her by Governor Felix P. Camacho for her
24 participation at the First Healthy Guam Fitness Fiesta in September 2007; and in
25 April 2010, another Governor's Certificate of Appreciation was given to her by

1 Governor Felix P. Camacho recognizing her for Guam's 2009 HINI Influenza
2 Pandemic Response; now therefore, be it


3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
5 people of Guam, recognize and commend Mrs. Nora Razo on the occasion of her
6 retirement from the Department of Public Health and Social Services; and does
7 further extend a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to her for her thirty-
8 four (34) years of service to the island; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
10 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that
11 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Nora Razo; and to the
12 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lalen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 6TH
DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012.**



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