



I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Introduced by:

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**RELATIVE TO COMMENDING PEGGY E. YORK, PH.D. FOR THE
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS SHE HAS MADE TO THE
PEOPLE OF GUAM AS A PSYCHOLOGIST WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE,
AND TO FURTHER EXTENDING TO HER A SINCERE UN
DÅNGKULO NA SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE FOR HELPING TO IMPROVE
THE QUALITY AND DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITES.**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Peggy E. York received her Bachelor of Art's Degree
in Psychology and English in 1972 from the University of Texas, and
earned both her Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy Degrees in
1975 and 1979, respectively, from Virginia Commonwealth University in
Richmond; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her membership in the American
Psychological Association, Dr. York received her license as a Certified

1 Forensic Evaluator in 1981 from the University of Virginia's Institute of
2 Law, Psychiatry, and Public Policy, and was also granted a license this
3 same year as a recognized Clinical Psychologist by the Virginia State
4 Regulatory Board's Department of Psychology; and

5 **WHEREAS**, throughout her career, Dr. York held various
6 administrative and clinical positions including her appointment as the
7 Facility Director for Rubicon, Inc. from 1977 to 1978, Consultant to the
8 Richmond Public School System in 1978, and Consultant to the
9 Richmond Community Mental Health System in 1979; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Dr. York was then appointed as Senior Psychologist
11 for the City of Richmond's Mental Health Center from 1979 to 1989, and
12 as the Administrative and Clinical Director for Urban Vision, a non-
13 profit organization that was established to provide critical services to
14 homeless individuals with mental disorders, from 1993 to 1995; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in addition to her tenure with the Commonwealth of
16 Virginia, Dr. York also maintained her private practice, which allowed
17 for her to provide crises evaluation and triage assessment and referrals,
18 among other psychological services, for clients at local correctional
19 facilities in the State of Virginia; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Dr. York found her way to the Department of Mental
21 Health and Substance Abuse (DMHSA) in 2009 as a Staff Psychiatrist,
22 appointed to help provide comprehensive psychological assessments,

1 diagnoses, and treatment evaluation services at a time when only two
2 psychologists were employed at the agency on a full-time basis; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Dr. York agreed to a two year employment contract
4 under the leadership of Dr. David Shimizu and would later assist the
5 agency address various challenges that have long plagued the island's
6 mental health system of care, including the hiring of additional
7 psychologists who, like her, shared an impressive professional history;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, together with the outstanding professional and
10 support staff of DMHSA, Dr. York worked diligently to improve various
11 components of the agency, including the completion of multi-
12 disciplinary treatment plans for clients, facilitation of individual, family
13 and group therapy, and the improved networking of family members,
14 service providers, and community groups; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Dr. York also strived to integrate the various
16 standards of care commonly found in similar health care facilities
17 throughout the U.S. mainland. She brought with her tangible
18 experiences that helped DMHSA improve the quality and delivery of
19 health care provided to individuals with disabilities; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in April 2011 the clients and staff at the Department
21 of Mental Health and Substance Abuse will bid farewell to Dr. York as
22 her tenure at the agency concludes, thus ending yet another exciting and

1 productive example of Dr. York's commitment to public service; and,
2 now therefore be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina' Trentai Unu*
4 *na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend
5 Peggy E. York, Ph.D. for the outstanding contributions she has made to
6 the people of Guam as a psychologist with the Department of Mental
7 Health and Substance Abuse; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina' Trentai Unu*
9 *na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of Guam, further extend
10 a sincere *Un dangkulo na si Yu'os ma'åse* to Dr. York for helping to
11 improve the quality and delivery of healthcare to individuals with
12 disabilities; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and Chairperson of the Committee
14 on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption
15 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Peggy E.
16 York, Ph.D.; to Mr. Wilfred Aflague, Acting Director, Department of
17 Mental Health and Substance Abuse; and to the Honorable Edward J.B.
18 Calvo, *I Maga'lalen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU A NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ____
DAY OF APRIL 2011.

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Speaker

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Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Legislative Secretary