

*I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*

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Relative to congratulating and commending Ms. Nia Aitaoto, M.P.H, M.S.E. for her contributions to educating the community on the prevention and control of diabetes and welcome her to Guam as a guest speaker at the Twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) Annual Guam Diabetes Association Conference.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Nia Aitaoto M.P.H., M.S. received her M.P.H in Community  
4 Health Development and her M.S. in Epidemiology from the University of Hawaii at  
5 Manoa;

6 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Aitaoto is currently completing her doctoral studies in  
7 Community and Behavioral Studies at the University of Iowa, College of Public  
8 Health; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Aitaoto's aspiration to investigate the health disparities among  
10 Pacific Islanders was brought forward by the caring of her ailing grandmother; and

1       **WHEREAS**, Ms. Aitaoto is currently the principal investigator of the Faith in  
2       Action Research Alliance and the coordinator for the Pacific Diabetes Education  
3       Program at Papa Ola Lokahi, where she provided health education, community  
4       mobilization training and technical assistance in American Samoa, Commonwealth of  
5       the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Hawaii,  
6       Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau; and

7       **WHEREAS**, Ms. Aitaoto has been awarded the prestigious R21 grant from the  
8       National Institute of Health (NIH), this exploratory grant provides Ms. Aitaoto, and  
9       her project team, with the opportunity to gather preliminary data on culturally  
10      appropriate, evidence-based interventions for diabetes prevention and management  
11      among Pacific Islanders;

12      **WHEREAS**, the R21 grant has brought together a team of academics,  
13      researchers and public health practitioners as well as community leaders and  
14      stakeholders to investigate this health disparity in the Pacific Islands and to develop  
15      innovative, and culturally-relevant, health interventions utilizing Community-Based  
16      Research model; and

17      **WHEREAS**, Ms. Aitaoto has also shared her expertise as a Health Resources  
18      and Services Administration Grantee Technical Assistance Expert for Hawaii and  
19      Guam and as a Contractor providing Cultural Competency Training; and

20      **WHEREAS**, Ms. Aitaoto has extensive experience in cultural competency  
21      training with a focus on Pacific Island cultures; she has also published numerous  
22      articles on issues of health in Pacific Island cultures; and

23      **WHEREAS**, Ms. Aitaoto extensive knowledge and experience in diabetes will  
24      be beneficial for diabetes treatment and prevention and be helpful to the people of  
25      Guam;

1       **WHEREAS**, Guam is proud and honored to welcome Ms. Aitaoto to be a guest  
2 speaker at the Twelfth (12th) Annual Guam Diabetes Association Conference to share  
3 her expertise in diabetes with the people of Guam; now, therefore, be it

4       **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of  
5 the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Ms. Aitaoto for her contribution to  
6 educating the community on Diabetes and to welcome her to Guam as a guest speaker  
7 for the Twelfth (12th) Annual Guam Diabetes Association Conference; and be it  
8 further

9       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the  
10 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Nia  
11 Aitaoto M.P.H., M.S.E ; to the Guam Diabetes Association; and to the Honorable  
12 Eddie Baza Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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14 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA**  
15 **LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF NOVEMBER 1, 2011.**

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19 **JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.**

20 **Speaker**

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
**Legislative Secretary**