



***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2012 (SCOND) REGULAR SESSION**

Resolution No. 346 -31 (LS)

Introduced by:

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**Relative to recognizing and commending Dr. Hiro Kurashina for his contribution and dedication to the Richard Flores Taitano Micronesia Area Research Center (MARC); and to further extend a sincere Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os ma'åse' for his service to the people of Guam.**

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

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Hiro Kurashina is the Emeritus Director of MARC, appointed by the Board of Regents and the President of the University of Guam in 2004; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Kurashina served as the Director of MARC for 12 years from 1991 to 2003. Initially employed by UOG in 1980, he was a full-time faculty member until he took on the administrative position at Micronesia Area Research Center (MARC), now known as the Richard Flores Taitano Micronesia Area Research Center (MARC); and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Kurashina earned his Ph.D., M.A. and B.A. in Anthropology at the University of California at Berkeley with an emphasis in Old World Archaeology. He graduated with honors both in general scholarship and Anthropology; and

1       **WHEREAS**, he was inducted to the Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa of  
2 California upon graduation. As a graduate student, Dr. Kurashina was a member of  
3 an Archaeology Field School in the Levant in the Near East under the auspices of  
4 the Smithsonian Institution.

5       **WHEREAS**, with financial support from the National Science Foundation,  
6 he spent several field seasons conducting paleo anthropological research as a  
7 member of the UC Berkeley Expedition to the Afar Rift under the direction of Dr.  
8 J. Desmond Clark.

9       **WHEREAS**, Dr. Kurishina's research in East Africa resulted in two co-  
10 authored publications in the British Scientific Journal Nature, he also received a  
11 grant from the National Geographic Society to direct an archaeological research  
12 and student training project at *Tarague* Beach in northern Guam from 1980 to 1984  
13 which laid the foundation for hands-on archaeological field schools of cultural sites  
14 within the Pacific region; and

15       **WHEREAS**, from the mid to the late 1980s, Dr. Kurashina and Dr. Rebecca  
16 A. Stephenson in collaboration with Dr. Yosi Sinoto of the Bernice P. Bishop  
17 Museum directed an Earthwatch Project in the Cook Islands with funding from the  
18 Center for Field Research and the South Pacific Commission. At the invitation of  
19 the Bernice P. Bishop Museum in Hawaii, Dr. Kurashina was a Visiting Scholar  
20 there in the mid 1980s; and

21       **WHEREAS**, Dr. Kurashina's research within Micronesia has not only  
22 contributed significantly to scholarly knowledge but has helped to develop the  
23 historical register of our region;

24       **WHEREAS**, more recently, Dr. Kurashina has served as an Adjunct Affiliate  
25 Member of the Balinese Project co-directed by Dr. Agustin Fuentes of the  
26 University of Notre Dame and Dr. Rebecca A. Stephenson ; and

1       **WHEREAS** recent writings of Dr. Kurashina include chapters in books  
2 published by the Cambridge University Press, Gadjah Mada University Press,  
3 Academic Press, Mayfield Publishing, Co. and others; and

4       **WHEREAS**, he has recently served as a Consultant for the National  
5 Endowment for the Humanities in Washington, D.C. He was a Charter Member of  
6 the Guam Preservation Trust and he has continually served on the Commonwealth  
7 of the Northern Mariana Island Historic Preservation Review Board since its  
8 inception in 1983; and

9       **WHEREAS**, he is a recipient of the CNMI Governor's Lifetime  
10 Achievement Award through the NMI Council for the Humanities, the Japanese  
11 Foreign Minister's Award, a Guam Legislative Resolution, and a Congressional  
12 Record Citation in the U.S. House of Representatives; and

13       **WHEREAS**, he now co-chairs the MARC Advisory Council with Dr.  
14 Lorraine Yamashita. He is an honorary member of the Board of Directors of the  
15 Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Guam, and a member of the Research  
16 Committee of the Guam Visitors Bureau, now therefore, be it

17       **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
18 on behalf of the people of Guam recognize and commend Dr. Hiro Kurashina for his  
19 service and dedication to the people of Guam and Micronesia and does further  
20 extend a sincere *un dangkolo na si Yu'os ma'åse'* for his important undertakings and  
21 outstanding commitment; and be it further

22       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the and the Chairperson of the Committee  
23 on Rules certify and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption of, and that  
24 copies of the same be hereafter transmitted to, Dr. Hiro Kurashina, and to the  
25 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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