

***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2012(SECOND) Regular Session**

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Resolution No. 579-31 (LS)

Introduced by:

Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.  
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Relative to commending and congratulating Ms. Teresita D. Catahay on the occasion of her retirement from the Department of Public Health and Social Services and extend a warm *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase* for her dedication and commitment to serving the people of Guam.

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

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Teresita D. Catahay, fondly known as “Terry” has been employed with the Department of Public Health & Social Services since 1991 following her transfer from the Department of Education where she worked with the Head Start Program for about seven years; and

**WHEREAS**, Terry is married to Ed Catahay and is the mother to her daughter, Teryn, among her stepsons and grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, initially, Terry worked with the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) Program as a Social Worker at the Bureau of Economic Security (BES), eventually being promoted to a Social Services Supervisor I to supervise the Medically Indigent Program Eligibility Unit at the Bureau of Health Care Financing Administration (BHCFA); and

1       **WHEREAS**, in 1997, she moved to the Bureau of Social Services  
2 Administration (BOSSA) supervising the Family Preservation and Family Support  
3 Services Units. In 2007, she was promoted to a Social Services Supervisor II and  
4 designated to have oversight of the Work Programs Section with the Bureau of  
5 Economic Security for a period of at least six months; and

6       **WHEREAS**, Terry eventually returned to the Bureau of Social Services  
7 Administration (BOSSA) to oversee the Home Evaluation and Placement Services  
8 and Family Services Sections. These sections provide services for Adoption,  
9 conducting both on and off island Home Studies for adoption, custody, termination  
10 of parental rights and suitability of placements, in addition to the licensing and  
11 monitoring of Child Care Facilities and Family Foster Homes; and

12       **WHEREAS**, her staff will attest to her strict work ethics and organization,  
13 but are mostly appreciative of her knowledge and skills that she has for policies in  
14 the work that they do. She will impose upon them to take challenges in the work  
15 that they do so that they will grow and develop in their career field; and

16       **WHEREAS**, in her capacity, Terry also provided representation for BOSSA  
17 in the Sugar Plum Tree Board, an organization that has been annually providing  
18 Christmas gifts to the Foster Children among the other needy population in the  
19 community; and

20       **WHEREAS**, in addition, Terry has also been in the Project Karinu work  
21 group and in the Head Start Advisory Council representing BOSSA as a  
22 collaborative partner in ensuring services to the young children; and

23       **WHEREAS**, she has also been a part of other work groups and committees  
24 involved in the various child care initiatives that worked on the updates of the child  
25 care licensing rules and regulations, professional development plan, child care  
26 development fund projects, among other development of program policies and  
27 services; and

1       **WHEREAS**, Terry has been consistently rated as Outstanding in her work  
2 performances. Her supervisors will validate that she can produce outcomes for  
3 specific tasks and meet deadlines. She has been resourceful and will diligently  
4 conduct the research necessary to formulate policies. She has also been placed in  
5 the acting capacity of the Human Services Administrator as needed; and now, be it  
6 further

7       **RESOLVED**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, commends  
8 and congratulates Ms. Teresita D. Catahay on the occasion of her retirement from  
9 the Department of Public Health and Social Services and extend a warm *Un*  
10 *Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to her dedication on committed service to the  
11 people of Guam; and be it further

12       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on  
13 Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof,  
14 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Teresita D. Catahay; and to  
15 the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES  
OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 28<sup>th</sup>  
DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012.**

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

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**RORY RESPICIO**  
Chairman, Committee on Rules

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary