

**I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
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Resolution No. 531-31(cop)
Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating Zina Barbara Meno San Nicolas Ruiz, a proud member of *Taotao Tano'*, for her graduation from the Chamorro arts apprenticeship program under the master of Chamorro dance, Frank Rabon, and for receiving her certification as a cultural arts teacher.

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

WHEREAS, Zina Barbara Meno San Nicolas Ruiz, born on December 2, 1967, and who currently resides in the village of Yigo, Guam, is the proud daughter of Vicente Taitague San Nicolas (*familian Pomparu yan Buchi*), and Diana Quidachay Meno (*familian Bilang yan Tisu*), raised with the traditions of our Chamorro people, and speaks, writes, reads, and comprehends the Chamorro language fluently; and

WHEREAS, Zina B.S.N. Ruiz began her primary education at Inarajan Elementary School (1973), and completed her education at the Guam Vocational Technical High School now known as the Guam Community College (1985); and

WHEREAS, Zina B.S.N. Ruiz, a traditionally recognized "*Fafa'nå'gue*" for *Guma Taotao Tano'* has completed all the levels in her *Chalan Lina'la* (*Åplok, mânia, mãsun, yan fãha*), and has met all the requirements by the Master of

Chamorro Dance – Frank Rabon, to be certified as a Chamorro Traditional Arts instructor; and

WHEREAS, Zina B. S.N. Ruiz began her cultural studies in Chamorro dance, songs, chants & weaving under the Master of Chamorro Dance – Frank Rabon in 1983, as a junior at Guam Vocational Technical High School, and is one of many members that constitute the 1st generation of *Taotao Tano'* dancers: and

WHEREAS, as a member of *Taotao Tano'*, she represented the Chamorro People in (5) Festivals of Pacific Arts ('88, '96, '04, '08, '12), World Cultural Festivals in the United States 1998, Korea 2002 & 2003, and cultural festivals in the Pacific Region beginning in 1995, and assisted the Guam Visitors Bureau in promotional tours throughout Asia and the Pacific (Japan, Taiwan, Korea, Philippines, Indonesia, Australia, New Guinea), and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Zina B.S.N. Ruiz briefly left *Taotao Tano* to become a flight attendant with Continental Air Micronesia, utilizing her Chamorro language skills as one of the flight attendants announcing the safety flight procedures in Chamorro; and

WHEREAS, Zina B.S.N. Ruiz, an employee of *Pa'a Taotao Tano'*, is now the Project Director of *Pa'a Taotao Tano'*/AmeriCorps, a national program under the Serve Guam Commission, providing valuable knowledge to its members in the Chamorro language, dance, songs, chants, and weaving, and mentoring its members in providing valuable volunteer services to the greater community of Guam; and

WHEREAS, as the project director of *Pa'a*/AmeriCorps, her program has provided Chamorro cultural classes for the community of Guam, the Government of Guam, Guam's tourism industry, and private businesses, and

has provided valuable volunteer services in mentorship, knowledge of the Chamorro Language and Culture to the underprivileged members of our society, and volunteer services to our elderly community since 2008; and

WHEREAS, through her mentorship and guidance she has inspired many of the members within her program (*Pa'a*/AmeriCorps) to pursue the path of education especially in the area of Chamorro Language and Culture, and in other chosen careers eventually contributing to our social and economic growth, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby commend and congratulate Zina Barbara Meno San Nicolas Ruiz for graduating from the Chamorro arts apprenticeship program under the master of Chamorro dance Frank Rabon, and for receiving her certification as a cultural arts teacher; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and Chairman of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest, to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be hereafter transmitted to Zina Barbara Meno San Nicolas Ruiz, to *Pa'a Taotao Tano'*, and to 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 TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012.