

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
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Resolution No.

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Introduced by:

R. J. Respicio

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Relative to commending and congratulating Eileen Sophia Rodrigues Meno, 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, Eileen Sophia Rodrigues Meno, born February 24, 1976, currently resides in the village of Malojloj, Guam, is the proud daughter of Jose Crisostomo Meno (*familian Chenchu*), and Anita Rodriguez Meno (*familian Kaniyas*) raised with the traditions of our Chamorro people, and speaks, writes, reads, and comprehends the Chamorro language fluently; and

WHEREAS, Eileen R. Meno began her primary education at Inarajan Elementary School (1981), and completed her education at Inarajan High School (1994); and

WHEREAS, Eileen R. Meno went on to acquire her Bachelor of Arts in Education (2000) majoring in Chamorro Language Studies, and currently integrates her knowledge of Chamorro dance, songs, chants, and weaving in her Chamorro Language Class, first at Untalan Middle School (2001) and currently at George Washington High School; and

WHEREAS, Eileen R. Meno, a traditionally recognized “*Fafa’na’gue*” for *Guma Irensian 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, Eileen R. Meno began her cultural studies in Chamorro dance, songs, chants & weaving under the Master of Chamorro Dance – Frank Rabon in 1991, as a sophomore at Inarajan High School; and

WHEREAS, as a member of *Taotao Tano’* represented the Chamorro People in (4) Festivals of Pacific Arts (’96, ’04, ’08, ’12), World Cultural Festivals in the United States 1998, Taiwan 1999 & 2001, Europe 2001, Korea 2002 & 2003, Mexico 2002, 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, her guidance under the Master of Chamorro Dance inspired her to perpetuate her passion in the preservation, perpetuation, protection & education of Chamorro dance, songs, chants and weaving by formulating her school-based group “*Famagu’on Oro*” now known as “*Guma Irensian Taotao Tano’*” community-based (2000), receiving legislative resolutions, certificate awards from schools, community, civic organizations, government agencies, private businesses, the tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, her cultural house (*Guma Irensian Taotao Tano’*) has provided Chamorro cultural performances for the community of Guam,

the Government Of Guam, the tourism industry, private businesses and has provided valuable volunteer services in mentorship, knowledge of Chamorro language and culture to the underprivileged members of our society, and volunteer services to our elderly community since 2004; and

WHEREAS, through her mentorship and guidance she has inspired many of the members within her cultural house (*Guma Irensian Taotao Tano'*) 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 Eileen Sophia Rodrigues Meno 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 the 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 Eileen Sophia Rodrigues Meno, 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.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary