

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

Resolution No. 348 -31 (LS)

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Relative to recognizing and commending Minister Faustina K. Rehuher-Marugg for her contributions and dedication to the Richard Flores Taitano Micronesia Area Research Center (MARC); and to further extend a sincere Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os ma'åse' for his service to the people of Guam).

1           **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE *I MINA' TRENTA UNU NA***  
2 ***LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***"

3           **WHEREAS**, Minister Faustina K. Rehuher-Marugg has more than three  
4 decades of experiences in the development of the arts, culture and history of Palau.  
5 Her knowledge and skills in the fields of museology, anthropology, arts, natural  
6 history, and Pacific Studies have contributed to the preservation, development and  
7 promotion of Palau's natural, cultural and historical heritage in the Pacific region.  
8 With experience and proficiency, she is an advocate for Pacific peoples; and

9           **WHEREAS**, Minister Faustina K. Rehuher-Marugg has served as head of  
10 the Republic of Palau Ministry of Community & Cultural Affairs since February of  
11 2009 following her tenure as Director and Curator of the Belau National Museum  
12 for over 30 years; and

13           **WHEREAS**, Minister Faustina K. Rehuher-Marugg holds a Master's degree  
14 in Pacific Islands Studies from the University of Hawaii along with an extensive  
15 academic background with regional and international institutions; and

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1           **WHEREAS**, among many local, regional and international affiliations,  
2 Minister Faustina K. Rehuher-Marugg is a founding member of the International  
3 Federation of Arts Councils & Culture Agencies (IFACCA), she has served as  
4 Chairperson of the Pacific Islands Museums Association (PIMA), she is a founding  
5 member of the Pacific Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives  
6 (PARBICA), Chairperson of the Cultural Committee for the Palau National  
7 Commission on UNESCO & World Heritage, a founding board member of the  
8 Palau Conservation Society, she has also served as Chairperson on the Board of  
9 Directors of the Palau Visitors Authority, and founding board member for the  
10 Palau Resources Institute and member of the Palau Chamber of Commerce; and

11           **WHEREAS**, being a member of the Palau National Commission on  
12 UNESCO, chairing the Cultural Committee, and as Minister of Community &  
13 Cultural Affairs, Minister Faustina K. Rehuher-Marugg works towards the  
14 preservation and promotion of culture and arts (both traditional and contemporary),  
15 as one of her primary focuses; and

16           **WHEREAS**, her initial work towards having Palau ratify the Convention on  
17 Intangible Cultural Heritage, World Heritage Convention as well as her work on  
18 Traditional Knowledge and Expressions of Culture law, which is presently under  
19 the Palau National Congress for review and adoption, have been important  
20 milestones for Palau ; and

21           **WHEREAS**, as a founding board and member of the Pacific Islands  
22 Museums Association (PIMA), ICOMOS Pacifica, the Pacific Regional Branch of  
23 the International Council on Archives (PARBICA), the International Federation of  
24 Art Councils and Culture Agencies (IFACCA), her work in the region has been  
25 advocating for cultural preservation and promotion programs; and

1           **WHEREAS**, as Minister of Community & Cultural Affairs, she initiated the  
2 First Annual Taro Festival in 2011, with the idea to promote the natural, cultural,  
3 and economic and health aspects of taro; and

4           **WHEREAS**, in addition, her work with the Council Pacific Art and Cultural  
5 Heritage in coordination with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC),  
6 involves the four-year Festival of Pacific Arts. She initiated a dialogue to have  
7 Palau be the first country in the Northern Pacific to host this event as the 9<sup>th</sup>  
8 Festival of Pacific Arts in 2004; now therefore, be it

9           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
10 on behalf of the people of Guam recognize and commend Ms. Faustina K. Rehuer-  
11 Marugg for her service and dedication to the people of Guam and Micronesia and  
12 does further extend a sincere *un dangkolo na si Yu'os ma'åse'* for her important  
13 undertakings, and for her outstanding commitment; and be it further

14           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the and the Chairperson of the Committee  
15 on Rules certify and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption of, and that  
16 copies of the same be hereafter transmitted to, Ms. Faustina K. Rehuer-Marugg  
17 and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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