

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

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141-32 (LS)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., B.J.F. Cruz, R. J. Respicio	Relative to commending and congratulating the Guam Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) as they celebrate their 30th Anniversary and extending a warm and sincere Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase' for their continued hard work and dedication in providing quality health care services to our island's women, infants and children.	5/20/13 9:39 A.M.	5/24/13, 9:00am			05/20/13

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Relative to commending and congratulating the staff of the Guam Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) on the celebration of its 30th Year Anniversary; and to further extending a warm and sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for its continued hard work and dedication in providing quality health care services to our island's women, infants and children.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN**
2 **GUÅHAN:**
3 **WHEREAS,** the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS)
4 has administered the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and

1 Children (WIC) under the Bureau of Nutrition Services (BNS) since its establishment
2 on May 24, 1983; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Guam WIC Program is authorized by the Child Nutrition Act
4 of 1966 to provide supplemental foods and nutrition education to pregnant,
5 postpartum and breastfeeding women, and infants and young children up to five years
6 of age; and

7 **WHEREAS**, for the past 30 years, the Guam WIC Program has targeted the
8 goal of supporting the good health of Guam families through the provision of nutrition
9 and lifestyle education, supplemental foods, and health care referrals to programs for
10 any eligible recipients who are found to be at nutritional risk. The WIC Program
11 works with families to promote changes in dietary and nutrition lifestyles due to poor
12 pregnancy outcomes, less than optimal growth and development in infants and
13 children, and a compromised healthy life preventing the individual from reaching his
14 or her full potential; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Guam WIC Program has promoted the Breastfeeding Peer
16 Counseling Program (BFPC) as a special WIC support service offered to all WIC
17 pregnant and breastfeeding women, as well as prenatal breastfeeding classes, one-on-
18 one breastfeeding counseling, and post-partum breastfeeding classes. The Guam WIC
19 Breastfeeding and Support Services is a national and local program for mothers who
20 are breastfeeding exclusively; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Guam WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)
22 provides resources to women and children who are nutritionally at risk. They make
23 fresh and nutritious foods, such as fruits and vegetables, available to the members of
24 the Program while increasing the awareness and support to farmers' markets; and

25 **WHEREAS**, WIC also works closely with the DPHSS Immunization,
26 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Dental Services, Maternal and

1 Child's Health (MCH), and other bureaus to help WIC families achieve a healthier
2 life; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in addition, WIC works in collaboration with the University of
4 Guam (UOG); Altarum, Inc.; Guam CEDDERS; Guam Early Intervention; and
5 DPHSS bureaus in conducting training programs to achieve the Guam WIC goals and
6 to accomplish its mission; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the WIC Program has grown over the years from having just one
8 clinic at the *Mangilao* Public Health Center, with only four staff of two Nutritionists
9 and two Nutrition Assistants, to the present day with five WIC Clinics, two of which
10 are satellite clinics in *Santa Rita* and *Inarajan*, and the other three clinics located in
11 *Dededo*, *Mangilao* and *Tiyan*, with a total of 36 staff members; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the staff of WIC has been working on various projects over the
13 years to ensure that they continue to uphold the vision and mission of the WIC
14 Program. WIC is involved with the Participant Centered Services (PCS), and has
15 provided services to clients in promoting dietary lifestyle counseling, WIC nutritional
16 assessment, individual dietary lifestyle counseling, individual counseling for any high
17 risk medical or nutritional conditions, nutrition classes, breastfeeding support, private
18 space for breastfeeding women, a tailored food package to serve as an example of
19 nutritious foods with the nutrients breakdown, and other informational materials
20 beneficial to the families; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the WIC Program also conducts ongoing training for staff
22 members to ensure that good counseling skills and knowledge in nutrition is extended
23 to the participants of the WIC Program. They also continue to support a special
24 program to provide breastfeeding support to mothers by making breastfeeding peer
25 counselors available to them; and

1 **WHEREAS**, nutrition continues to be their top priority, and the WIC Program
2 looks for ways to upgrade the WIC foods available to WIC families, and expand the
3 Farmers' Market program to include as many farmers and WIC clients as possible.
4 The Program also encourages regular physical activity to ensure the balance of
5 nutrition and health in their lives; and

6 **WHEREAS**, with the WIC Program's growing services, the staff assists in the
7 improvement of WIC facilities to comfortably accommodate clients and facilitate their
8 processing; now therefore, be it

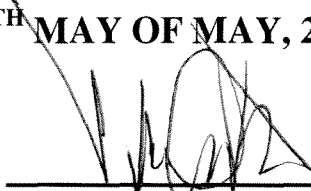
9 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
10 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the staff of the Guam
11 Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) on the celebration of its 30th Year
12 Anniversary; and does further extend a warm *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for
13 its continued hard work and dedication in providing quality health care services to our
14 island's women, infants and children; and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
16 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam
17 Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program staff; and to the Honorable Edward J.B.
18 Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 20TH MAY OF MAY, 2013.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



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