

*I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
**Resolutions Log Sheet**

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<b>324-33 (LS)</b>	T. R. Muña Barnes B. J.F. Cruz FRANK B. AGUON, JR.	Relative to recognizing, commending and congratulating Rossanna A. Villagomez-Aguon on the occasion of her retirement after over thirty-six (36) years of fruitful service to the people of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands in key positions within the local criminal justice system; and to further extending <i>Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse</i> for her dedication, commitment, and exemplary service to the community of Guam and the CNMI.	03/30/16 10:38 a.m.	03/31/16 11:30 a.m.					<b>03/30/16</b>

***I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2016 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 324-33 (LS)**

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**Relative to recognizing, commending and congratulating Rossanna A. Villagomez-Aguon on the occasion of her retirement after more than thirty-six (36) years of fruitful service to the people of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) while working in key positions within the local and federal criminal justice system; and to further extending *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to her for her dedication, commitment and exemplary service to the community of Guam and the CNMI.**

- 1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**  
3        **WHEREAS,** Rossanna A. Villagomez-Aguon was born on March 30, 1959. She  
4 is the daughter of †Carlos Torre Villagomez and Julia Manley Villagomez of *Agaña*

1 *Heights*; and has three (3) siblings: Carlos Torre Villagomez Jr., Ronald Allan  
2 Villagomez, and Melissa Villagomez Sablan; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Rossanna married Joseph J. Aguon, and they were blessed with  
4 four (4) children: Denise, Joleen, Carlana, and Joseph J. Aguon II; and were also blessed  
5 with seven (7) grandchildren: Malachi, Osie, Jerreck, Gabriele, Deniele, Jaziele Cruz,  
6 and Jesse Rai Sablan; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Rossanna A. Villagomez-Aguon had attended *Ordot-Chalan Pago*  
8 Elementary School, Bishop Baumgartner Memorial School, and the Academy of Our  
9 Lady of Guam, where she was a member of the National Honor Society; and she  
10 graduated on May 10, 1980, from Sacred Heart College in Belmont, North Carolina,  
11 with a BA degree in Criminal Justice and a BA degree in Psychology. Rossanna was  
12 awarded the “Who’s Who in American Colleges & Universities” in 1979 and 1980; and  
13 was “Senator of the Year” in 1980; and

14 **WHEREAS**, following her return to Guam from college in 1980, Rossanna A.  
15 Villagomez-Aguon began her career in public service with the government of Guam as  
16 a Youth Service Worker with the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA), working in the  
17 juvenile detention facility. While serving at DYA, she had the opportunity to work with  
18 an off-island juvenile psychologist consultant who was hired to evaluate the  
19 Department. One of the recommendations that was made from this evaluation was the  
20 development of the Casework Unit, where she worked as a Social Worker for the  
21 remainder of her years at DYA; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in 1985, Rossanna transferred to the Department of Public Health  
23 and Social Services (DPHSS), Bureau of Social Services Administration (BOSSA),  
24 where she served as a Social Worker with Child Protective Services (CPS); and she  
25 remained at DPHSS for the next seven (7) years. She was a Social Services Supervisor  
26 for the Home Study Unit, which handled adoption and custody cases, as well as the

1 licensing of day care centers; and in December 1992, she left DPHSS for employment  
2 with the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Office; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on January 25, 1993, Rossanna A. Villagomez-Aguon began her  
4 career with the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Office, where she served for  
5 twenty-three (23) years after having been appointed to the position of U.S. Probation  
6 and Pretrial Services Officer for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands  
7 by the Honorable John S. Unpingco, then Chief Judge for the District Court of Guam.  
8 She performed various duties required of a probation and pretrial services officer, but  
9 most of her career as an officer was assigned to the Supervision Unit where she  
10 supervised defendants and offenders on Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan. While  
11 working as a Supervision Officer, Rossanna served as the Coordinator for the Home  
12 Confinement Program (now known as the Location Monitoring Program) for eight (8)  
13 years, and she oversaw the expansion of the program to the District of the Northern  
14 Mariana Islands; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Rossanna A. Villagomez-Aguon assumed the responsibility of  
16 Supervision Unit Leader, overseeing the probation and pretrial services officers and an  
17 administrative assistant assigned to that unit. She served in this capacity for three (3)  
18 years until she assumed the role of Acting Chief Probation and Pretrial Services Officer  
19 in June 2007 upon the retirement of her predecessor, Frank Michael Cruz; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in November 2007, Rossanna A. Villagomez-Aguon was appointed  
21 to serve as the Chief U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Officer for the Districts of  
22 Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands by the Honorable Frances M. Tydingco-  
23 Gatewood, Chief Judge for the District Court of Guam, and the Honorable Alex R.  
24 Munson, then Chief Judge for the U.S. District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands;  
25 and she continued to serve under District Court of Guam Chief Judge Tydingco-

1 Gatewood, and the Honorable Ramona V. Manglona, Chief Judge for the District Court  
2 of the Northern Mariana Islands, respectively; and

3 **WHEREAS**, under the leadership of Rossanna A. Villagomez-Aguon, the U.S.  
4 Probation and Pretrial Services Office has seen a growth in staffing, and the creation of  
5 new positions that have provided for upward mobility, as well as enabling probation  
6 and pretrial services officers to specialize in programs in working with defendants and  
7 offenders. Local policies and staff training programs were also developed and  
8 implemented for staff development in keeping up with national programs and standards;  
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, additionally, automated programs were implemented that assisted  
11 the probation and pretrial services officers in the performance of their duties to the court  
12 and to the safety of the community. These programs enabled bail and pre-sentence  
13 reports to be submitted to the court in a timely manner; provided for a quicker and more  
14 comprehensive access to local and federal criminal records; enabled the assessment of  
15 the risks of the defendants and offenders for the recommendations to the court and  
16 supervision strategies that address these risks; and provided for timely notification to  
17 local law enforcement agencies. These programs have also assisted in timely  
18 designations to federal correctional facilities, so that individuals sentenced to  
19 imprisonment can participate in program services quicker. In addition, case files were  
20 being automated to provide for easier and mobile access. As a result, the U.S. Probation  
21 and Pretrial Services Office received national recognition in the area of pretrial release  
22 from the Federal Bureau of Prisons; and facilitated greater communication with the  
23 Bureau of Prisons to improve offender designation and re-entry; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Rossanna A. Villagomez-Aguon oversaw the implementation of  
25 three (3) evidence based practices: Pretrial Risk Assessment - used for pretrial  
26 defendants to predict the risk of failure to appear, new criminal arrests, and revocations

1 due to violations while on pretrial release; Post Conviction Risk Assessment - that  
2 provides an objective measure of offender risk to recidivate and determines their  
3 dynamic risk factors and needs of the offender. If these risk and needs are addressed it  
4 reduces the likelihood of reoffending; and STARR - Staff Training Aimed at Reducing  
5 Re-Arrest, whose goal is to provide uniform techniques to combat recidivism among  
6 the probation and pretrial population; and

7       **WHEREAS**, the programs that are implemented to assist individuals on federal  
8 supervision include the Drug Offender Reentry Programs in the District Court of Guam  
9 and the District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands, which provides intensive  
10 supervision and treatment for individuals who are actively struggling with substance  
11 abuse; and the Defendant/Offender Workforce Development Program, which  
12 collaborates with community partners for training and placement of those in need of  
13 employment. Carmen's Closet, a clothing outlet of the Guam office, was established to  
14 assist individuals with their clothing needs for employment. Sex offender treatment was  
15 procured in addition to the substance abuse and mental health treatment services  
16 provided by the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Office, as well as supportive  
17 services to individuals as authorized under the Second Chance Act. The Location  
18 Monitoring Program was expanded to be used as an alternative to incarceration for  
19 pretrial, sentencing, and revocation hearings; and

20       **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Office, through the District  
21 Court of Guam, has been a partner in community outreach events such as Island  
22 Leadership Day, Red Ribbon Month, Drug Court Month, and other community events.  
23 The office has also conducted presentations to students at the various elementary,  
24 middle and high schools, and the University of Guam; and it has provided an internship  
25 experience to students of the University of Guam for college credit; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Rossanna A. Villagomez-Aguon is also involved in several  
2 community outreach programs, to include serving at the Saint Jude Church as a  
3 Eucharistic Minister and Lecturer, and as the counter for the offering, hosting along  
4 with other parents the Saint Jude confirmation class retreat and contributing and  
5 volunteering at the St. Fidelis Friary Christmas Village Project; and her hobbies include  
6 playing the piano and the guitar; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Rossanna A. Villagomez-Aguon will be honored at a retirement  
8 and appreciation ceremony on Thursday, March 31, 2016, where she will officially  
9 retire from her post at the District Court of Guam; now therefore, be it

10           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby,  
11 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize, commend and congratulate Rossanna A.  
12 Villagomez-Aguon on the occasion of her retirement after more thirty-six (36) years of  
13 fruitful service to the people of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana  
14 Islands (CNMI) while working in key positions within the local criminal justice system;  
15 and does further extend *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to her for her dedication,  
16 commitment, and exemplary service to the community of Guam and the CNMI; and be  
17 it further

18           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the  
19 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Rossanna A.  
20 Villagomez-Aguon; to the Clerk of the District Court of Guam; and to the Honorable  
21 Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2016.**



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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  
Speaker



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RORY J. RESPICIO  
Acting Legislative Secretary