

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2006 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 151**

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**Relative to honoring and commending Ms. Maria Cruz Guzman, the first full-time and longest serving employee of The Salvation Army, Guam, for her thirteen (13) years of service assisting the most unfortunate residents of our island, and to extending a heartfelt *dangkolo na si Yu'os ma'åse'* on the occasion of her well-deserved retirement.**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**  
2 ***MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3        **WHEREAS, for the past thirteen (13) years, Ms. Maria Cruz Guzman of**  
4 **Sinajana has dedicated her life to assisting the most needy people in Guam as**  
5 **a loyal and valued employee of The Salvation Army, Guam; and**

1           **WHEREAS**, Ms. Guzman’s seemingly bottomless well of compassion  
2 and affection for those in unfortunate circumstances may have grown from  
3 her own experience because she suffered personal loss as a result of Super  
4 Typhoon Omar in 1992; and

5           **WHEREAS**, after losing her job at Mark’s Department Store as a result  
6 of Omar, Ms. Maria Cruz Guzman registered with the Agency for Human  
7 Resources and Development (AHRD) and accepted a temporary position with  
8 The Salvation Army to help with disaster outreach, saying that since she had  
9 been working with clothing, she would enjoy giving out clothes to people in  
10 need; and

11           **WHEREAS**, her supervisors recognized immediately that Ms. Guzman  
12 was a perfect fit for The Salvation Army, having the empathy, kindness and  
13 concern that are valued attributes of the organization, and offered her a  
14 permanent position at the conclusion of her six (6) month appointment,  
15 making her The Salvation Army Guam’s first full-time employee; and

16           **WHEREAS**, during her years of service at The Salvation Army, Guam,  
17 Ms. Guzman’s duties expanded to include preparing lunch and snacks for  
18 volunteers, distributing bottled water, assisting clients in filling out intake  
19 applications, preparing materials for volunteers, serving as office manager,  
20 receptionist, thrift store clerk, food pantry operator, disaster worker, bell-  
21 ringer, and performing other basic office and maintenance duties; and

22           **WHEREAS**, from 1992 to the present, Ms. Guzman has participated in  
23 The Salvation Army’s humanitarian efforts following natural and man-made  
24 disasters, including the “Great ‘Quake” of 1993, the influx of Kurdish refugees  
25 in 1995, Typhoon Dale in 1996, Typhoons Isa, Keith and Super Typhoon Paka

1 in 1997, the crash of Korean Airlines KAL 801 in 1997, Typhoons Mitag,  
2 *Chata'an* and Super Typhoon Pongsona in 2002, and the Homeless Count  
3 conducted in 2003, 2004 and 2005; and

4 **WHEREAS**, when Ms. Guzman first joined The Salvation Army, she  
5 would bring her four (4) sons; Charles, Troy, Mark and James to assist her  
6 with big projects and to ensure that their clients always received the best  
7 possible service; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Guzman ensured that the offices conveyed a warm,  
9 friendly, family atmosphere, making clients feel comfortable and at ease even  
10 during the most difficult times, and became such a fixture at The Salvation  
11 Army, Guam that clients would ask for her by name, and always listened,  
12 offering a smile when needed, thus enhancing The Salvation Army's  
13 reputation; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Guzman, who is the daughter of the late Trinidad C.  
15 Cruz of Piti, is married to James C. Guzman, retired military, and they are  
16 planning to spend their retirement on the mainland; and


17 **WHEREAS**, her thirteen (13) years of service to many of the most needy  
18 members of our community have been exemplary and deserve recognition on  
19 the occasion of her retirement; now, therefore, be it


20 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*  
21 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
22 people of Guam, honor and commend Ms. Maria Cruz Guzman for her  
23 thirteen (13) years of service to our island community through The Salvation

1 Army, Guam, and does also extend a heartfelt *dangkolo na si Yu'os ma'åse'* on  
2 the occasion of her well-deserved retirement; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
4 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
5 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Maria  
6 Cruz Guzman; to The Salvation Army, Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P.  
7 Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 12TH  
DAY OF APRIL 2006.**

  
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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker and  
Chairman, Executive Committee

  
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**EDWARD J.B. CALVO**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature