

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 215

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating Ms. Marie O. McElligott on the occasion of her departure from Guam and in recognition of her selfless contributions and worthy service to the community and the people of Guam over the years.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**
2 ***MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS, Ms. Marie O. McElligott has been of service to the people of**
4 **Guam since 1975, when she assisted in the coordination of processing**

1 Vietnamese refugees arriving via boats on Guam, and the relief operations
2 after Typhoon Pamela; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Marie O. McElligott, as Director of the Navy Family
4 Service Center, directed a staff of fourteen (14) military and civilian personnel
5 in providing short-term mental health counseling, information and referral
6 services, and pro-active programs to forty (40) military activities serving a
7 target population of fifteen thousand (15,000) people. Additionally, she
8 developed training programs for the prevention of sexual harassment and
9 served as a Navy ex-officio member of the Territorial Board of Education, as
10 the Co-chairperson of the "Just Say No!" Task Force, as a Member of the
11 Mental Health Five (5) Year Planning Committee on Aging, as a Director on
12 the American Red Cross Board of Directors, and as Executive Director of the
13 Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society; and

14 **WHEREAS**, as Administrator of Client Services and Family Counseling,
15 Superior Court of Guam, from March 1992 to September 2005, Ms. Marie O.
16 McElligott interfaced with judges, attorneys, military family advocacy offices,
17 and other agencies regarding case status and treatment services. She worked
18 with local Senators in the drafting of legislation, which was signed into law,
19 on diversion and family violence, and is a member of the Governor's Family
20 Violence Task Force. Marie chaired the Ad Hoc Committee that developed
21 guidelines for the implementation of the only visitation center on island, a

1 joint partnership between the Superior Court of Guam and the Erica's House
2 non-profit organization; and

3 **WHEREAS**, since October 2005, Ms. Marie O. McElligott has continued
4 to give back to the people of Guam serving as Director of the Salvation Army
5 Lighthouse Recovery Center, and providing direction for the operation of a
6 24-hour transitional residential substance abuse treatment facility for
7 homeless men; and coordinating the annual Thanksgiving Dinner which fed
8 over eight hundred (800) of the island's neediest by soliciting donations,
9 coordinating the delivery and serving of food, and organizing over one
10 hundred (100) volunteers; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Marie McElligott's dedicated service to the people of
12 Guam has been recognized with a variety of honors and awards, including,
13 four (4) Military Personnel awards; five (5) Military unit awards; the esteemed
14 Ancient Order of the *Chamorri*; Legislative Resolutions from the Twentieth
15 (20th), Twenty-Sixth (26th), and Twenty-Eighth (28th) Guam Legislatures; two
16 (2) Resolutions from the Guam Territorial Board of Education; and a
17 Resolution of Commendation from the Judiciary of Guam; and

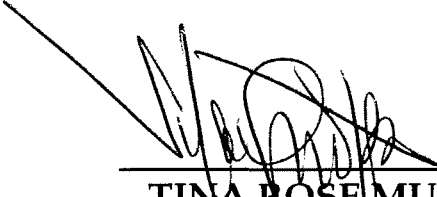
18 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Marie O. McElligott has remained an active and vital
19 part of numerous community service organizations, including the American
20 Association of University Women; Soroptomist International of Guam
21 President (1997); Guam Women's Club Vice President (2002); International
22 Women's Club President (1999); Guam American Red Cross Chairperson

1 (1996 to 1998); Guam Navy Club, Friends and Neighbors of the Family Service
2 Center President (1992 to 1997); Guam Symphony Society Board Member;
3 Chairperson of the American Cancer Society Guam Unit (2000 to 2001);
4 Honorary member of the American Cancer Society Guam Unit (2002) to
5 present); Guam Humanities Council Vice Chair (2004); and Guam Council of
6 Women's Club Vice Chair (2006 to present); now, therefore, be it


7 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
8 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
9 people of Guam, commend Ms. Marie O. McElligott for her commitment to
10 improve the lives of so many others on Guam through her dedication,
11 professionalism, and community service efforts, both inside and outside the
12 walls and institution of the Salvation Army and the Lighthouse Recovery
13 Center; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive
15 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
16 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Marie O.
17 McElligott; to the Director of the Salvation Army; to the Honorable Madeleine
18 Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the
19 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 12TH
DAY OF JUNE 2008.



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Acting Speaker and
Chairperson, Executive Committee



RORY J. RESPICIO
Senator and Acting
Secretary of the Legislature