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

**Executive Committee
Resolution No. 215**

Introduced by:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes 

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BT CRM 2 *By*
Judi Gutierrez *JG*

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 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,** Marie O. McElligott has been of service to the people of
4 Guam since 1975 when she assisted in the coordination of processing
5 Vietnamese refugees arriving via boats on Guam and relief operations after
6 Typhoon Pamela; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Marie O. McElligott was Director of the Navy Family
8 Service Center and developed training programs for the prevention of sexual
9 harassment and was a Navy ex-officio member Territorial Board of Education,
10 Co-chairman Just Say No Task Force, Member Mental Health Five Year
11 Planning Committee on Aging, and Red Cross Board of Directors, Executive
12 Director Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, and directed a staff of 14 military

1 and civilian personnel in providing short-term mental health counseling,
2 information and referral services, and pro-active programs to 40 military
3 activities serving a target population of 15,000 people, and

4 **WHEREAS**, as Administrator Client Services and Family Counseling
5 Superior Court of Guam March 1992-September 2005, Marie O. McElligott
6 interfaced with judges, attorneys, military family advocacy offices and other
7 agencies regarding case status and treatment services. She worked with local
8 senators in the drafting of legislation signed into law on diversion and family
9 violence; and is a member of the Governor's Family Violence Task Force.
10 Marie chaired the ad hoc committee that developed guidelines for the
11 implementation of the only visitation center on island: a joint partnership
12 between the Superior Court of Guam and a nonprofit organization; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Marie O. McElligott has continued since October 2005 to
14 give back to the people as Director of the Salvation Army Lighthouse
15 Recovery Center, providing direction for the operations of a 24-hour
16 transitional residential substance abuse treatment facility for homeless men
17 and coordinated the annual Thanksgiving dinner which fed over 800 of the
18 island's neediest soliciting donations, coordinating the delivery, and serving
19 of food, and organizing over 100 volunteers.

20 **WHEREAS**, Marie McElligott's dedicated services to the people of
21 Guam has been recognized with a variety of honors and awards including
22 four (4) military personal awards, five (5) military unit awards, the esteemed
23 Ancient Order of Chamorri, Personal Resolutions, 20th-, 26th-, and 28th- Guam

1 Legislatures, two (2) personal resolutions Guam Territorial Board of
2 Education, and a Resolution of Commendation Judiciary of Guam; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Marie O. McElligott has remained an active and vital part
4 of numerous Community Service organizations including, American
5 Association of University Women, Soroptomist International of Guam
6 President (1997), Guam Women's Club Vice President (2002), International
7 Women's Club President (1999), Guam American Red Cross Chairperson
8 (1996-1998), Guam Navy Club, Friends and Neighbors of the Family Service
9 Center President (1992-1997), Guam Symphony Society Board Member, Chair
10 American Cancer Society Guam Unit (2000-2001), Honorary member
11 American Cancer Society Guam Unit (2002-present), Guam Humanities
12 Council Vice Chair 2004, and Guam Council of Women's Club Vice Chair
13 (2006-present); now, therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
15 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
16 people of Guam, commends Marie O. McElligott for her commitment to
17 improve the lives of so many others on Guam through her dedication,
18 professionalism, and community service efforts, both inside and outside the
19 walls and institution, of The Salvation Army and the Lighthouse Recovery
20 Center; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive
22 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption

1 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Marie O.
2 Mcelligott; Director and the Salvation Army; to the Honorable Madeleine Z.
3 Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the
4 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Acting Speaker and
Chairperson, Executive Committee

RORY J. RESPICIO
Senator and Acting
Secretary of the Legislature