

MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 76 (LS)

Introduced by:

FT Ishizaki
FF Blas, Jr.

Relative to recognizing the many accomplishments of Ms. Elaine Low and her astounding contributions to the community of Guam and to wishing her the best of luck in her future endeavors as she continues her dedication to the fight against cancer.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Ms. Elaine Low, having moved to Guam with her family from Hong Kong, graduated from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam, received her Bachelors degree from the University of Washington and her Masters degree from Texas A&M University; and

WHEREAS, Elaine and her husband of six years Edgardo Retumban are proud parents of two adorable children, five year-old Kenneth and two year-old Celestina; and

WHEREAS, Elaine has served as the Executive Director for the American Cancer Society for the past nine years and has been promoted to be the Regional Director of Development for the American Cancer Society Hawaii Pacific, Inc. and will be relocated with her family from Guam to Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Elaine's dedication to the people and community of Guam has been seen

1 through her successful promotion of awareness and education of cancer through community
2 involvement as she sought the support of the local community to fight cancer through the
3 successful *Relay For Life*, an annual event dedicated to celebrating the lives of our local cancer
4 survivors and reminding our community that our survivors are symbols of hope and proof
5 that progress exists in the fight against cancer, which has grown from raising \$81,800 in 1999
6 to raising over \$340,000 in 2007; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Elaine's passion for improving the quality of life for our local cancer
8 patients and their families led to many initiated programs through the training of volunteers
9 that has provided support for our local cancer patients through programs such as *Reach to*
10 *Recovery*, a support program for breast cancer survivors and newly diagnosed breast cancer
11 patients and *Look Good Feel Better*, a program designed to help cancer patients cope with the
12 appearance related to the side effects of cancer treatment and also by ensuring the provision
13 of services through the patient services program; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Elaine hosted the first all day conference on breast cancer in 2000, with
15 over 500 women in attendance and has also facilitated the increase of the cancer knowledge
16 base of our local people by coordinating many learning opportunities, such as community
17 cancer conferences, continuing education classes and lecture series for physicians and other
18 health professionals, and extended the reach of the American Cancer Society to the young
19 adults in our community as she assisted in preparing the foundation of Guam's first Colleges
20 Against Cancer Chapter at the University of Guam; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Elaine’s encouragement of our local leaders and stakeholders helped to
2 form a collaborative effort to address Comprehensive Cancer Control for Guam and the
3 development of Guam’s first Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan which contributed to the
4 development of the Regional Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan and the establishment of a
5 Regional Cancer Registry that addresses the data collection needs of the region, covering the
6 island in the Pacific Region; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Elaine’s dedication to the community extended outside the sphere of
8 cancer as she served as an active member of the Rotary Club of Northern Guam, having
9 served as club service director and secretary, and spearheaded a student exchange program
10 which allowed students from Japan and Guam to experience living in different cultures to
11 deepen their understanding and respect for our neighbors; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’ Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of
13 the people of Guam, recognize and commend Ms. Elaine Low on her many accomplishments
14 and dedication to cancer patients, survivors, and their families, most especially for her
15 contributions to the people of Guam and the encouragement of community service and
16 involvement through outreach activities; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’ Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of
18 the people of Guam, extend its best wishes to Ms. Elaine Low on her future endeavors and
19 successes and to congratulate her on a new and important role as Regional Director of
20 Development for the American Cancer Society Hawaii Pacific; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the
2 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Elaine Low, to
3 the American Cancer Society, Guam Field Office, to the American Cancer Society, Hawaii
4 Pacific. and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

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6 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA**
7 **LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS ____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2007.**

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12 **EDWARD J.B. CALVO**
13 Acting Speaker

RAY TENORIO
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature