Mayors' Council of Guam

Konsehelon Mahot Guåhan

June 21, 2019

35GL-19-0642
Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

JUN 21 2019
Time 10:15 (/)AM ( )PM
Received By: Steph L

2019 JUN 21 PM 12:03

Honorable Tina Rose Muna Barnes
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan
35th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagatña, GU 96910

Dear Speaker Muna Barnes,

Buenas Yan Hafa Adai! Transmitted herewith for your information and file Resolution No. 2019-16-002 "**RELATIVE TO SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING THE RE-NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE FRANCES TYDINGCO-GATEWOOD TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS CHIEF JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM.**" which was duly and regularly adopted by the Mayors' Council of Guam on Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

Thank you for your attention regarding this matter. If you should have any questions or comments relative to the above resolution, please do not hesitate to call me.

Senseramente,

ANGEL R. SABLAN
Executive Director

Attachment

cc: File/Chrono

0642

P.O. Box 786, Hagåtña, Guam 96932
Office: (671) 472-6940 / (671) 477-8461 / (671) 477-6886 Fax: (671) 477-8777
E-Mail: mcogadmin@teleguam.net

CERTIFICATION OF THE ADOPTION OF A MAYORS' COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 2019-16-002 **"RELATIVE TO SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING THE RE-NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE FRANCES TYDINGCO-GATEWOOD TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS CHIEF JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM." WAS ADOPTED ON THE 13TH DAY OF MARCH 2019.**

MAYOR DORIS F. LUJAN, SECRETARY
Mayors' Council of Guam

Doc. No. 35GL-19-0642.

MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM

Resolution No. 2019-16-002

Introduced By:
Mayor P.M. McDonald
Mayor J.C. Gogue
Mayor M.B. Savares
Mayor R.RDC Hofmann
Mayor D.F. Lujan
Mayor J.L.G. Alig
Vice Mayor J.P. Bautista
Mayor D.E. Alvarez
Vice Mayor F.A. Benavente
Mayor J.M. Blas
Mayor J.U. Blas
Mayor E.T. Chargualaf
Mayor J.A. Cruz
Vice Mayor T.J. Duenas
Vice Mayor C.J. Fejeran
Vice Mayor R.D. Iriarte
Mayor R.M. Matanane
Mayor R.A. Paco
Mayor J.A. Quinata
Mayor L.C. Rivera
Mayor F.A. Salas
Vice Mayor K.C. Santos
Vice Mayor A.P. Sanchez
Mayor K.J.T. Susuico
Mayor V.S. Taitague
Mayor A.R.G. Ungacta

RELATIVE TO SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING THE RE-NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE FRANCES TYDINGCO-GATEWOOD TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS CHIEF JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM.

BE IT RESOLVED BY KONSEHELON MAHOT GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood is of Chamorro and Pohnpeian descent; and

WHEREAS, she has been married for 38 years to Doctor Robert Gatewood, D.D.S., M.S. from Albuquerque, New Mexico, and together in a happy marriage have three sons: Daniel married to Kristie; Michael married to Nia; and Stephen and is a proud and loving grandmother to Daniel, Kemi Ana and Preston Gatewood; and

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood's father, Daniel James Castro Tydingco, is of Chamorro descent who served in the United States Air Force, assigned to the 8th Air Force Strategic Air Command and was a loyal member and donor to the Republican National and Senatorial Committee in the 1980s and a part of the Ronald Reagan revolution; and

WHEREAS, her mother, Francesca Shoniber Ohno Tydingco, is of Pohnpeian and Japanese descent and was a secretary for the United States Air Force Office of Special Investigations; and

WHEREAS, in pursuit of a higher education, the Honorable Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1980 at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Guam's Professional Technical Scholarship and in 1983, obtained her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood's distinguished legal career began as a law clerk for the Honorable Forest W. Hanna, then-Presiding Judge of the Jackson County Circuit Courts in Kansas City, Missouri (1983 to 1984); and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood later became a prosecutor in which she served in the following capacities: (1984-1988) Assistant Attorney General in the Prosecution Division on Guam, prosecuted major felonies such as murder, robbery, rape and drug cases; (1989) Assistant Prosecutor with the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office in Missouri, prosecuted major felony cases, including homicides and drugs in addition to serving as the Trial Team Leader for the Sex Crimes Unit, and supervised several attorneys and staff members; (1990-1994) Chief Prosecutor, supervised several attorneys and a large staff of the Prosecution Division while simultaneously handling a substantial felony caseload; and Federal Prosecutor for the United States Attorney's Offices in Guam (1985-1988) and (1990-1994); and in Kansas City, Missouri (1989-1990); and

WHEREAS, in 1994, then Honorable Governor Joseph F. Ada (R) appointed the Honorable Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood to the Superior Court of Guam as a trial judge of general jurisdiction and was unanimously confirmed by the Guam Legislature, becoming Guam's first Chamorro woman judge; and

WHEREAS, in addition to nearly eight years of trial experience in the Superior Court of Guam, the Honorable Mary M. Schroeder, then-Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, appointed Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood to serve as a designated federal judge for the District Court of Guam; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, then-Honorable Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez (D) appointed the Honorable Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood to the Supreme Court of Guam as an Associate Justice and was unanimously confirmed by the Guam Legislature.

WHEREAS, moreover, the Honorable Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood was also appointed by then-Honorable Miguel Demapan, Chief Justice of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) to serve as a designated Associate Justice for the CNMI; and

WHEREAS, with more than two decades of exemplary service to ensuring justice, the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood was recommended by then-Honorable Governor Felix P. Camacho (R) to Honorable George H.W. Bush, President of the United States, for nomination as the Chief Judge of the District Court of Guam; and

WHEREAS, in April 2006, President George H.W. Bush (R) nominated Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood to the District Court of Guam Chief Judge position, and the United States Senate confirmed her in August 2006.

WHEREAS, upon Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood's confirmation in August 2006, she became Guam's and the country's first Chamorro woman Chief Judge; and she became Pohnpei -- Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the country's first Pohnpeian Chief Judge.

WHEREAS, in May 2016, the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood's continued dedication and commitment in upholding fairness and justice to the highest standards has made her exceedingly qualified to earn the support of then-President Barack Obama (D) who re-nominated her to serve another term as a Chief Judge of the District Court of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood embodies all of the characteristics to continue to serve as Chief Judge of the District Court of Guam – the entire body of the Mayors' Council of Guam has had firsthand experiences, engagements and or observations as witnesses to Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood's judicial

temperament, intelligence, ethics, courage and integrity, experience and education, and civic and professional responsibility.

WHEREAS, having tremendous consideration and compassion for our entire community, Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood has always been inclusive with all members of the community through educational and community outreach.

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood presided over several government cases that involved many different mayors, and throughout all matters, the entire body of the Mayors' Council of Guam can attest that Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood always remained impartial, fair and just. Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood always presided with a commitment to impartiality and with an eye to the ultimate purpose of the judicial system – to serve justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayors' Council of Guam that their support and encouragement for the re-nomination of the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood to serve as Chief Judge for the District Court of Guam is unanimous and given without hesitation and under their free will and decision; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President certifies to and the Council Secretary attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Donald Trump, U.S. President, the Honorable Mike Pence, U.S. Senate President, the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Honorable Jerry Nadler, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, the Honorable Tina Muna Barnes, Speaker of the 35th Guam Legislature, and the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY ADOPTED ON THE 13TH DAY OF MARCH 2019 IN THE CITY OF HAGÅTÑA, GUAM.

CERTIFIED BY:

MAYOR MELISSA B. SAVARES
President

ATTESTED BY:

MAYOR DORIS F. LUJAN
Secretary