

**I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS**

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, after graduating from Palau Mission Academy in 1969, Pastor Jano
4 returned home to Ponape and was hired as a clerk for the Ponape Federation of
5 Cooperative Association where he worked for six (6) months. With enough money
6 earned to pay for his airfare to Manila, Philippines, combined with the support and
7 financial sponsorship of Pastor Frank and Mariquita Taitague, Remenster successfully
8 completed his degree in the field of Theology at Philippine Union College (PUC) in
9 1973; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on June 13, 1973, Pastor Remenster and Leah Jano were wed at the
2 home of Dr. and Mrs. Gensolin at Philippine Union College by Pastor Vito, the senior
3 Pastor of the PUC Church; and

4 **WHEREAS**, following his graduation from PUC, Pastor Jano began as a
5 ministerial intern under Pastor Frank Taitague for eight (8) months at the Seventh-day
6 Adventist (SDA) church in Kolonia, Ponape. He then moved on to become the District
7 Coordinating Pastor in Ponape for thirteen (13) years and also served as Acting
8 Principal from 1973 to 1980 for Pohnpei SDA School. Pastor Jano was especially
9 instrumental in the building of a new church on Sapwaufic Atoll in 1981. He also played
10 a significant role in acquiring from the government the piece of land in Dolonier, Nett
11 Municipality, Ponape where the school is presently located. It eventually led to the
12 construction of the elementary and high school, including a gymnasium, administration
13 building, and housing facility for the teachers; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 1986, Pastor Remenster and Leah, with their two (2) children,
15 Jeanette and Joycelynn, moved to Chuuk to pastor the SDA church in Weno. While in
16 Chuuk, he helped in the erection of the elementary school administration building and
17 housing building for teachers. He also directed the construction of the Weno SDA
18 Church; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 1989, Pastor Jano moved his family back to the Philippines to
20 further his and his wife's education. He graduated with two (2) Master of Arts degrees,
21 one in Pastoral Studies in 1990 and another in Religious Education in 1991, from the
22 Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS). His wife Leah also
23 attained a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree from the Adventist University of
24 Philippines (AUP); and

25 **WHEREAS**, in 1991, Pastor Remenster and Leah returned to Ponape to work at
26 the Kitti SDA Church as head pastor for one year, while their children remained at AUP
27 to continue their college studies; and

28 **WHEREAS**, in 1993, he was invited to relocate to Guam in order to serve as a
29 pastor of the Dededo SDA Church. After one year, he was elected by the Southern Asia

1 Pacific Division to serve as the Executive Secretary of the Guam-Micronesia Mission
2 while continuing to serve as pastor at the Dededo SDA Church for another two (2) years.
3 It was during this time that he directed the rebuilding and construction of a new church
4 building. It was also during this period that he facilitated the merging of the Dededo
5 and Northern SDA churches, which later, in 1997, became the Guam Korean SDA
6 Church; and

7 **WHEREAS**, not long thereafter, he was requested to become the pastor of the
8 Talo'fo'fo SDA Church while maintaining his duties as GMM Executive Secretary. His
9 wife Leah began her employment as a registered nurse at the Guam Seventh-day
10 Adventist Clinic. From 1999 to 2003, he additionally carried out the responsibilities of
11 the Sabbath School Director and Personal Ministries Director for the mission. He also
12 served as PARL (Public Affairs and Religious Liberty) Director and coordinated the
13 LEAD (Leadership, Education, and Development) Program of Guam-Micronesia
14 Mission; and

15 **WHEREAS**, then in 2003, Pastor Jano was elected to a servant leadership
16 position as President of Guam-Micronesia Mission. In his first year, he witnessed the
17 severe damages to Guam's churches and school incurred by enormous-strength
18 typhoons, then the rebuilding of these facilities to a level that reinforced them to
19 withstand comparable or high typhoon strengths; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Pastor Jano also saw the establishment of the Adventist work in
21 three (3) new areas, namely Enilok in Ebon Atoll in the Marshall Islands, and the islands
22 of Tinian and Rota in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Three (3)
23 new companies were also established, one in Guam and two in the Marshall Islands. In
24 2006, Rota and Tinian companies were organized to become sister companies of the
25 mission; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Pastor Jano has been blessed with fifty (50) years of loving service
27 for the Lord, his church, and his marriage to Leah. He has been further blessed to see
28 his family grow with eight (8) grandchildren and two (2) great grandchildren; now
29 therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
2 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize Pastor Remenster Jano, for dedicating fifty
3 (50) years of his life and career to the community and his church; and to commend him
4 for his contributions to the community and the impact he has made on the island of
5 Guam on the occasion of his retirement from the Guam-Micronesia Mission of Seventh-
6 day Adventists; and to congratulate Pastor Remenster and Leah Jano on their fiftieth
7 (50th) wedding anniversary; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
9 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Pastor
10 Remenster and Leah Jano; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I*
11 *Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE DAY OF JUNE 2023.

Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker

Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary