

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

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465-37 (LS)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes	Relative to recognizing Teresa Manalo, RN, on receiving the 2024 NTCA Carol Pozsik TB Nursing Award; and to commending her exemplary service, dedication to public health nursing, and unwavering commitment to the care and advocacy of TB patients in Guam.	8/22/24 12:57 p.m.	9/3/24 2:00 p.m.						

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**2024 (SECOND) Regular Session**

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Introduced by:

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

3        **WHEREAS**, the Carol Pozsik TB Nursing Award was established in 2010 by  
4 the National Tuberculosis Controllers Association (NTCA) in honor of Carol Pozsik,  
5 a distinguished nursing leader renowned for her unwavering commitment to patient-  
6 centered care; and

7        **WHEREAS**, Teresa Manalo has exemplified the qualities and values  
8 represented by Carol Pozsik through her extraordinary commitment and  
9 contributions to public health nursing, particularly in the field of tuberculosis (TB)  
10 care; and

11        **WHEREAS**, Teresa Manalo joined the Guam TB/Hansen's Disease Program  
12 just before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and despite the unprecedented  
13 challenges posed by the pandemic, she continued to provide essential and  
14 uninterrupted patient care; and

1           **WHEREAS**, during the peak of the pandemic, with community quarantine  
2 measures in place and the TB physician reassigned to COVID-19 duties, Teresa  
3 Manalo took on the responsibility of managing patient care, utilizing physician  
4 standing order protocols to ensure the ongoing treatment and monitoring of TB  
5 patients, including the testing and management of more than 25 TB household  
6 contacts to a case that tragically succumbed to both TB and COVID-19; and

7           **WHEREAS**, for over 18 months without a doctor physically present in the  
8 clinic, Teresa Manalo coordinated all patient monitoring, assessments, and case  
9 management in collaboration with telehealth physicians and TB Program staff,  
10 managing over 40 TB/Hansen's Disease cases; and

11           **WHEREAS**, Teresa Manalo played a pivotal role in supporting case  
12 investigations, providing PPD testing, and evaluating all TB contacts in both  
13 congregate and non-congregate settings, while also partnering with non-  
14 governmental organizations to deliver TB education and PPD screening in  
15 communities experiencing health disparities and inequities; and

16           **WHEREAS**, with limited medical specialties in Guam, Teresa Manalo went  
17 above and beyond to ensure that complex TB cases receive the specialist attention  
18 they require, coordinating with the CDC TB Medical Officer and the Curry TB  
19 Center of Excellence to overcome limitations and barriers in the care of patients,  
20 including twin infants with TB and Chronic Granulomatous Disease (CGD); and

21           **WHEREAS**, Teresa Manalo has continued to collaborate with Curry Center  
22 physicians for the ongoing monitoring and care of current relapsed MDR-TB  
23 patients on BPaL, and has made home visits to ensure that patients facing socio-  
24 economic challenges receive appropriate care; and

25           **WHEREAS**, Teresa Manalo has taken significant steps to increase TB testing  
26 and treatment by collaborating with healthcare clinics and hospitals in Guam,

1 educating them about TB screening, reporting, and treatment, thereby increasing  
2 referrals to TB clinics; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Teresa Manalo serves as a nurse preceptor for the University of  
4 Guam, providing invaluable experience to medical and medical assistant students,  
5 thereby enhancing their understanding of public health's critical role in the medical  
6 community; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Teresa Manalo has generously shared her expertise and  
8 knowledge of TB with colleagues, nursing students, and the broader medical  
9 community through case presentations at conferences, nursing association meetings,  
10 and on national platforms; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
12 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize Teresa Manalo, RN, on receiving the  
13 2024 NTCA Carol Pozsik TB Nursing Award; and to commending her exemplary  
14 service, dedication to public health nursing, and unwavering commitment to the care  
15 and advocacy of TB patients in Guam; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,  
17 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Teresa  
18 Manalo, RN; to the Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services;  
19 and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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

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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**  
Speaker

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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary