

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

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Introduced by:

Amanda L. Shelton 

Relative to recognizing Yvonne Paulino on the occasion of her retirement from the Department of Youth Affairs; and commending her for thirty-five (35) years of service to the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to recognize the life and
4 accomplishments of those distinguished citizens of this great island, and it is custom of
5 *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to commend those public servants who have devoted themselves
6 to faithfully serving in the best interests of this community and the needs of its residents;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne Paulino has a long standing history of serving Youth and
9 marginalized communities in *Guahan*, the state of Oregon, and the state of California,
10 and Germany; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne's early career started in 1983 as a Teacher's Aide in
12 Germany at the Child Development Center where she taught the Peabody Kit
13 Curriculum in addition to facilitating developmentally appropriate activities that build
14 upon the children's fine and gross motor skills; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne served as an Education Technician - Pre-School Teacher
2 (April 1986 - Oct 1988) in the state of California where she developed curriculum for
3 the pre-school programs under her supervision. In addition, she developed lesson plans,
4 report cards, and assisted Youth in building upon their social, physical, and mental
5 development; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne started serving the Juvenile Justice population in
7 September 1991 in Eugene, Oregon as a Probation Case Aide where she worked closely
8 with high - risk adjudicated youth who were on pathways to being committed to state
9 training schools. Her responsibilities included monitoring and tracking the identified
10 Youth in school, home, community, and other treatment components; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne returned home to Guam in 1992 and started her
12 government service at the Department of Education, under the program for youth with
13 emotional disturbances as an On-call substitute teacher. As lead teacher for the program,
14 she was responsible for providing individualized tutoring, implementing behavior
15 modifications methods, and assuring that individual education plans are being
16 implemented; and

17 **WHEREAS**, During Yvonne's six (6) year tenure with the Department of
18 Education she transitioned her career from a substitute teacher to an ED Social Worker,
19 her responsibilities included the development of treatment plans that outlined goals and
20 interventions tailored to the child's emotional and psychological needs; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Through Yvonne's unwavering dedication to enhancing the quality
22 of life for the Youth she serves, her consistent commitment and exceptional
23 contributions were recognized with her rising through the ranks from Social Worker I
24 to ultimately Social Worker III; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Yvonne started her longstanding career with the Department of
26 Youth Affairs in 1998 as a Social Worker III. She spent many of her years with DYA

1 working at the various Youth Resource Centers throughout the island as a site leader.
2 In her capacity, she would oversee operations and personnel, provide positive youth
3 development to school-aged children, facilitate support services to justice involved
4 youth and their families; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Throughout Yvonne’s twenty-six (26) years of exceptional service
6 at the Department of Youth Affairs she has consistently demonstrated and upheld
7 remarkable work ethics and has performed exceedingly well in her job duties; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Yvonne’s remarkable work ethic has earned her several
9 outstanding performance recognitions and awards to include; 2002 Social Worker of
10 the Year nominee by the National Association of Social Worker - Guam Chapter; 2017
11 Systems of Care Goodwill Ambassador awarded by the Guam Behavioral Health and
12 Wellness Center; and

13 **WHEREAS,** In 2022 at the tail end of her longstanding career, Yvonne was
14 assigned to the Case Management Unit where she has tirelessly dedicated her efforts
15 into forging partnerships with non-profit organizations to ultimately implement positive
16 youth development programs for Guam’s incarcerated youth; and

17 **WHEREAS,** Yvonne has been a staunch advocate of higher education programs,
18 mentoring countless college level students aspiring to be social service professional,
19 some of which have become her colleagues today; and

20 **WHEREAS,** Yvonne is known to her colleagues as a thoughtful and kind person
21 who consistently demonstrates a high level of expertise and is always ready to offer
22 support whenever needed; and

23 **WHEREAS,** With two (2) children and six (six) grandchildren, Yvonne’s
24 greatest joy is spending time with her family, traveling, and helping those in need; and

25 **WHEREAS,** Yvonne’s retirement will be a new chapter filled with love,
26 exploration, and purpose as she looks forward to spending even more quality time with

1 her grandchildren, traveling to new destinations, and volunteering in her community to
2 continue helping others; now therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby,
4 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize Yvonne Paulino on the occasion of her
5 retirement from the Department of Youth Affairs; and commending her for thirty-five
6 (35) years of dedication and service to the people of Guam; and be it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
8 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Yvonne Paulino
9 and the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hagan Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE ____ DAY OF 2024.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary