

***I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***


**2013 (FIRST) Regular Session**

Resolution No. 03-32 (CR)

Introduced by:

Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. 

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**Relative to commending and congratulating Ms. Reina R. Sanchez for being named the 2013 National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Guam Chapter “Social Worker of the Year” and extending a warm and sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu’us Ma’ase* for her hard work and dedication in assisting the needs of the most vulnerable population in our island community.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF**

***I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Reina R. Sanchez is currently a Social Services Supervisor I at the Department of Mental Health and Social Services (DMHSA) since March 2001. Ms. Sanchez is a professional individual whose qualifications are exceptional as seen through her service and academic experiences. She received her Bachelor of Social Work Degree from our very own University of Guam (UOG) in 1990. Later she pursued further education and received her Master in Counseling Degree from the University of Guam in May 2012. In addition, she

1 has received numerous trainings in Administration and Supervision in Social  
2 Work; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in her work as Social Service Supervisor, she heads the  
4 Community Services Support Branch of the Clinical Services Division at the  
5 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (DMHSA). Part of this  
6 supervision includes extremely high caseload management of consumers with  
7 chronic mental health disabilities. On the occasion when she is needed, Ms.  
8 Sanchez is also tasked to act as the Clinical Administrator, overseeing the entire  
9 clinical services department. Typically, this position is held by a Clinical  
10 Psychologist and Ms. Sanchez has been able to work in this capacity from time to  
11 time; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Sanchez also conducts numerous program and resource  
13 development inclusive of the residential homes within DMHSA that provides  
14 housing assistance to those consumers with chronic mental illness. Besides her  
15 supervision duties, she also has collateral duties that includes representation to the  
16 Guam Homeless Coalition; Adult State Planner for Community Mental Health  
17 Services (CMHS) Block Grant; as well as providing field Instruction to UOG  
18 students for both the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and Psychology interns. She  
19 is also the Behavior Health Disaster and Crisis Response Assistant Coordinator for  
20 DMHSA. Given the recent tragedy in Tumon, Ms. Sanchez was able to ensure that  
21 the counselors and other staff are ready to assist for any mental health crisis when  
22 needed by Guam's community at any given time; and

23 **WHEREAS**, prior to all this, Ms. Sanchez was a Social worker III also at  
24 the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse. She was originally  
25 involved and was a member of Guam Association of Social Workers prior to its  
26 merge with National Association of Social Workers in 1999; and

1           **WHEREAS**, one of the greatest highlights of Reina’s profession as a Social  
2 Work professional is advocating for her consumers. Helping her consumers in  
3 their personal recovery is Ms. Sanchez’s primary goal. She is instrumental in  
4 assisting consumers become a part of their recovery process. Reina is dedicated to  
5 insuring that consumers receive quality care that is focused on their holistic needs.  
6 She is compassionate and is willing to work long hours without pay to pursue  
7 resources that will support the expansion of services not only for her unit but also  
8 other agencies servicing individuals with disabilities. Finding Reina in her office  
9 way past the five o-clock work hour is not unusual, which speaks volumes for her  
10 dedication to her staff as well as to the consumers they serve; and

11           **WHEREAS**, Reina is always available to listen to her staff and be a  
12 sounding board when others need to vent. She sees challenges as opportunities to  
13 learn and grow and meets these challenges head on. She likes to think “outside the  
14 box” and sometimes she gets “glassy” where she looks from subordinates and  
15 other colleagues alike. Like many of the employees in DMHSA, she is grace under  
16 fire when there are deadlines and finds humor in even the most stressful situations.  
17 No matter how difficult the situation she is facing, Reina has the grace to be ever  
18 so patient and understanding and so “cool” under pressure. She is greatly respected  
19 by her staff and colleagues and is often referred to as the “walking manual” of  
20 DMHSA; and

21           **WHEREAS**, Ms. Sanchez has worked with people with disabilities for over  
22 25 years. She’s worked for a short period of time at Guma Mami, Incorporated  
23 and then at DMHSA where she has been for the past 24 years. She also took a part  
24 time job with Catholic Social Service under the Guidance and Counseling  
25 program; and

1           **WHEREAS**, her involvement in the block grant led to the development of  
2 the Sagan Mami programs. This program supports consumers with mental illness  
3 by providing a mental health resource center, supported employment and peer  
4 support. This program continues to thrive and is a great resource to our consumers  
5 with mental health disabilities. If social workers have a hard time finding their  
6 consumers, they can always count on looking for them at Sagan Mami; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Not only is Reina a hard working and dedicated employee,  
8 she's also a loving single parent who has raised four (4) children single handedly.  
9 While raising her children, she managed to complete her BSW Degree in 1990.  
10 Further, while working full time in her current employment and position as Social  
11 Service Supervisor, Reina managed to complete her Master in Counseling Degree  
12 at University of Guam. She will continue to work for her hours in order to obtain  
13 licensure for Individual, Marriage and Family Therapy (IMFT) and become a  
14 licensed IMFT therapist on Guam; and

15           **WHEREAS**, Ms. Sanchez's hard work and dedication in servicing the most  
16 vulnerable in our island community while upholding the high standard of the social  
17 work profession is commendable as seen through her numerous achievements; and  
18 now, be it further

19           **RESOLVED**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, commends  
20 and congratulates Ms. Reina R. Sanchez for being named the 2013 National  
21 Association of Social Workers (NASW), Guam Chapter "Social Work of the Year"  
22 and extend a warm *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* for her hard work and  
23 dedication in assisting the needs of the most vulnerable population in our island  
24 community; and be it further

25           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on  
26 Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof,  
27 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Reina R. Sanchez;

- 1 National Association Social Workers (NASW); and to the Honorable Edward J.B.
- 2 Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guahan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES  
OF I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF MARCH, 2013.**

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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D**

**Speaker**

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**RORY RESPICIO**

**Chairman, Committee on Rules**

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**

**Legislative Secretary**