

**I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS**

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Introduced by:

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS**, Florence Paulino Shimizu has been an active member in good
4 standing with the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association (GMHVA) since
5 2008, and as of December 2024, met the requirements for Lifetime Membership by
6 completing fifteen (15) years of service and contributing over five thousand (5,000)
7 volunteer hours; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Florence has served in leadership roles within GMHVA, including
9 as a member of the Board of Directors and Acting Recording Secretary from 2013 to
10 2014, significantly contributing to the success of GMHVA's mission to support Guam
11 Memorial Hospital (GMH) and its patients through various services, comfort, and
12 financial assistance for essential equipment, furnishings, and programs; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Florence received the United States President’s Volunteer Service
2 Award Certificate and Pin in recognition of her over 4,000 hours of volunteer service
3 to GMHVA; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Florence has generously offered her time, energy, skills, and
5 encouragement to assist patients and their families without expectation of reward; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Florence has remained a steadfast supporter of GMHVA over the
7 years, continuing to serve on Standing Committees—primarily the Membership
8 Committee—helping achieve the committee’s goals and objectives; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Florence has faithfully contributed to GMHVA’s charitable
10 initiatives, including fundraising efforts and grant attainment; she has assisted in the
11 operation of the Gift Shop as a cashier and sales associate, managed merchandise
12 inventory and pricing, conducted new volunteer orientations, and provided support
13 through the Gift Cart service, spiritual support offerings, and newspaper delivery to
14 nursing wards; and

15 **WHEREAS**, she has additionally provided coverage at the Hospital Lobby
16 Information Center in the absence of other volunteers, accompanied volunteers for
17 newborn photography, contributed to the Quarterly Volunteer Newsletter, participated
18 in the publication of two (2) GMHVA Cookbooks, and actively supported a wide array
19 of events, including the Membership Drive Tea, National Volunteer Week activities,
20 Charity Ball, Christmas Bazaar, Rummage and Bake Sales, Plant and Book Sales,
21 Thanksgiving Raffle, Macy’s “Shop for a Cause,” Three Kings Caroling and Gift
22 Giving at the Skilled Nursing Unit and hospital wards, Installation and Recognition of
23 Volunteers and Officers, and Volunteer Awards Day; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Florence has regularly attended GMH Chapel Services and funeral
25 services for deceased volunteers and their families, participated in quarterly general
26 membership meetings and birthday celebrations, and remained engaged through
27 executive and subcommittee meetings, education, and training; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Florence’s educational background includes high school studies at
2 St. Francis and George Washington Senior High School, and higher education at the
3 University of Guam and San Jose State University, where she earned a Master’s Degree
4 in Social Work. Her extensive professional experience in government and non-
5 governmental human services programs has equipped her with invaluable skills in the
6 helping profession; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Florence’s distinguished career includes service as an Eligibility
8 Worker at the Department of Public Health and Social Services, Medical Social Worker
9 at Santa Clara, Good Samaritan, and Santa Teresa Hospitals in California, and roles at
10 GMH’s Medical Services Division. She later served as Social Worker/Supervisor in the
11 Crippled Children’s Services Unit, Administrator for Maternal Child Health Services
12 and the Medically Indigent Program, and Administrator of the Division of Senior
13 Citizens. As Senior Citizens Division Administrator, she contributed to the
14 establishment of the St. Dominic’s Senior Care Facility in Barrigada Heights as part of
15 the Long-Term Planning Committee led by Dr. Ulla Craig of UOG; and

16 **WHEREAS**, following her retirement from public service, Florence continued
17 to serve the island community through employment with the Department of Education,
18 the Diocesan Resettlement Program (resettlement of Vietnamese refugees), the Catholic
19 Radio Station, St. John’s Bookstore, and Almy’s Department Store; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Florence's enduring dedication to community service includes
21 active involvement in the GMHVA, the Archdiocese of Hagåtña’s San Jose and San
22 Isidro Parishes, the Guam Association of Social Workers—where she was honored as
23 the first "Social Worker of the Year"—as well as affiliations with the World Health
24 Organization Fellowship Program, Inetnon Famalao’an, the U.S. Census, the American
25 Red Cross (San Jose), the University of Guam Student Council, Choir, Cultural Dance
26 Troupe, and the Inalâhan Gef Pa’go Chamoru Village; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Florence Paulino Shimizu, affectionately known as “Darling” to
2 her family and “Flo” to the island community, was born on November 1, 1949, to the
3 late Tan Floren Meno and Tun Vicente Duenas Paulino. Upon returning to Guam from
4 the United States, she was raised in the southern village of Inalåhan. She is married to
5 Dr. Joseph David Leon Guerrero Shimizu—former Senator, GMH CEO, and Mental
6 Health Director—and they have been blessed with an extended family of beloved
7 godchildren, friends, and colleagues who have shaped and supported her journey; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Florence lovingly served as the primary caregiver for her mother,
9 Tan Floren, for five decades, residing in Malojloj, Inalåhan, after the passing of her
10 father, Tun Vicente; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Florence expresses her heartfelt *Si Yu’os Ma’åse’* to GMHVA for
12 providing her with the opportunity to give back to the community, connect with patients,
13 families, and hospital staff, and grow alongside fellow volunteers who share a passion
14 for service; now therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*
16 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
17 of Guam, recognize Florence Paulino Shimizu on the occasion of receiving the Lifetime
18 Achievement Award from the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association
19 (GMHVA); and to further extending a warm and sincere *Un Dångkulo na Si Yu’os*
20 *Ma’åse’* for her tireless service and unwavering dedication to Guam Memorial Hospital
21 and the people of Guam; and be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
23 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
24 the same be thereafter transmitted to Florence Paulino Shimizu; and to the Honorable
25 Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE DAY
OF MONTH 2025.**

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary