

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Guam Department of Education awards the 2027 Teacher of the
4 Year, recognizing educators who have made outstanding contributions in progressing
5 student growth while showing commitment towards teaching and inspiring the youth in
6 our island; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Carolyn Haruo has demonstrated dedication, leadership, and
2 innovation in the field of education in Guam for the past eleven (11) years, empowering
3 students and inspiring both students and educators through her service and commitment;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, after earning her Professional Educator certifications in 2018,
6 2023, and 2024, she has distinguished herself as a dedicated Science Teacher, educating
7 high school students in Marine Biology and other General Science courses while
8 fostering critical thinking, scientific curiosity, and other essential life skills that
9 contribute to their academic and personal growth; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Haruo's academic journey began at John F. Kennedy High
11 School, where she earned her high school diploma, and continued at the University of
12 Guam where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education with a
13 concentration in General Science; thereafter, she earned a Master of Science in
14 Curriculum and Instruction from Western Governor's University and is currently
15 pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy in Education Majoring in Educational Management at
16 the Philippine Women's University; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Haruo has demonstrated exemplary service and leadership
18 through numerous roles and responsibilities, including serving as Advisor for the John
19 F. Kennedy High School Ocean Guardian School and Guardians of the Reef where she
20 shared her knowledge and passion for the ocean and marine life with students
21 throughout our island; mentoring and advising students through the Micronesian Youth
22 Club and Psychology Club, fostering leadership, cultural awareness, academic
23 engagement, and academic growth; serving as the Coach for the JFKHS Fishbowl Team
24 competing in the Marine Science Academic Challenge Bowl, leading students through
25 highly competitive interschool competitions; representing educators as a Delegate to
26 the Young Pacific Leaders program; and serving as a Focus Group Leader on the

JFKHS Accreditation Committee, contributing to the school's continuous improvement and development; and

WHEREAS, beyond the confines of her school, Ms. Haruo has received awards and recognitions for her exemplary contributions to Guam's education, including a Certificate of Appreciate for Leadership and Impact awarded to her by the Guam Education Board (2026), National Recognition from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for the Ocean Guardian School program (2022, 2023, 2024, 2025), Fishbowl Champion titles at the Marine Academic Challenge Bowl (2023, 2024), WGU Excellence Award (Designing Curriculum and Instruction, The Collaborative Leader) (2023, 2024), and receiving Resolution No. 39-35 from the Guam Legislature for her utmost participation and commitment as a Young Pacific Leader; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Haruo is a daughter of the Republic of Palau, but has called Guam home since 2003 and is currently a resident of Chalan Pago; and comes from a large and close knit family, including her mother, Carla Carlos (step-father Adrian), with siblings Marco, Audrey, Pillar, Jeremiah, and Aidan; and her father, Philip Haruo (step-mother Lynn), with siblings Dexter, DeKarma, and Vance; and is a godmother to Aariah Saige and Nadiya; and is a part of an extended family of more than a hundred first cousins, with whom she maintains strong cultural and familial ties, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Haruo is actively engaged in her community through her involvement with the Sonsorol and Hatohobei Community Organization of Guam, as well as her volunteer service with the Ritidian Wildlife Refuge, the Micronesia Climate Change Alliance, the Department of Agriculture – Forestry Division tree-planting efforts, the Guam Coral Reef Initiative, and the NOAA Ocean Guardian School program, demonstrating her enduring commitment to the protection and stewardship of Guam's land, waters, and marine ecosystems; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Haruo is a simple, nature-oriented individual who finds joy in
2 hiking, beach-going, ocean activities, and exploring the island, as well as spending time
3 with family and friends, supporting youth events, attending sporting events, crafting
4 mwarmwar's, and embracing a slow-paced lifestyle that allows her to catch the sunrise,
5 watch sunsets, appreciate the ocean waves, and simply be still; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Haruo has consistently demonstrated her exceptional skills,
7 knowledge, and expertise cultivated over the years, as well as her deep commitment to
8 teaching and the preservation of Guam's land and marine environment, thereby
9 inspiring fellow educators, empowering the students, and creating a lasting legacy
10 across the island and beyond; now therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*
12 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
13 of Guam, recognize Ms. Carolyn Haruo for being the Guam Department of Education
14 2027 Teacher of the Year, commending her for being an excellent and passionate
15 educator, inspiring leader, and an advocate for student success and empowering others
16 throughout Guam; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
18 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
19 the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Carolyn Haruo, the Guam Department of
20 Education, John F. Kennedy High School; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon
21 Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY
OF MONTH 2026.**

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary