

**BEFORE THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM  
RESOLUTION NO. JC06-024**

**RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION AND A HEARTFELT  
DANGKULU NA SI YU'US MA'ASE TO ASSOCIATE JUSTICE FRANCES  
TYDINGCO-GATEWOOD FOR HER EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE AS A  
DEDICATED JURIST OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIARY OF GUAM.**

- WHEREAS,** Associate Justice Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, first entered the halls and courtrooms of the island Judiciary in July 1984 as a government prosecutor representing the people; and
- WHEREAS,** then-Chief Prosecutor Tydingco-Gatewood was recognized for her capacity, skills and capabilities as an attorney by her peers and then-Governor Joseph F. Ada, who recommended her for appointment to the Superior Court of Guam as a trial court Judge; a position which she was subsequently and unanimously confirmed to fill by the Guam Legislature in August 1994 as Guam's first female jurist of Chamorro descent; and
- WHEREAS,** then-Judge Tydingco-Gatewood tirelessly worked on the trial court earning a reputation of being fair, empathetic, firm, decisive, efficient and hard working; and
- WHEREAS,** then-Governor Carl T. C. Gutierrez recognized her work ethic and values and respect throughout the legal community and island-wide in 2002 by appointing her to serve as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam; a position which she was subsequently and unanimously confirmed to fill by the Guam Legislature; and
- WHEREAS,** Associate Justice Tydingco-Gatewood has faithfully and conscientiously served on the appellate bench for the past four years working alongside her peers with determination in fulfilling her duties and responsibilities; and
- WHEREAS,** Justice Tydingco-Gatewood has also worked alongside her Supreme Court colleagues and Superior Court colleagues in the development of innovative policies, procedures, rules and training programs for all Judicial Branch employees and for the improvement of judicial operations for the benefit of the public; and
- WHEREAS,** throughout her time as a "fixture" in Guam's judiciary in various, significant capacities, Justice Tydingco-Gatewood has always pursued the highest standards of excellence and ethics in her profession, while consistently maintaining a demeanor of humility and approachability; and
- WHEREAS,** Justice Tydingco-Gatewood is again being recognized for her professionalism and judicial skills by being recommended by Governor Felix P. Camacho to serve as Chief Judge of the United States District Court of Guam; and
- WHEREAS,** Justice Tydingco-Gatewood will now vacate her position on the Guam bench and assume her new role as Chief Judge of the United States District Court of Guam on October 30, 2006; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Judicial Council of Guam hereby express utmost gratitude and appreciation to Justice Frances Marie Tydingco-Gatewood for her service to the people of Guam and the Guam Judiciary; and, **BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED,** that the Judiciary of Guam express a Dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase for her friendship and camaraderie with all the Justices, Judges and employees and our families, and for her significant and long lasting contributions to local jurisprudence and our judicial system.

Duly adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006.



**HON. F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO**  
Chief Justice of Guam and  
Chairman, Judicial Council of Guam



**HON. ROBERT J. TORRES**  
Justice, Supreme Court of Guam  
Member, Judicial Council of Guam



**HON. ELIZABETH BARRITT-ANDERSON**  
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