



BEFORE THE 2018 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM

RESOLUTION NO. JC 18-012

RELATIVE TO COMMENDING DR. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

- WHEREAS, Dr. Robert A. Underwood became the 10th President of the University of Guam (UOG) on May 19, 2008 and implemented numerous positive initiatives over the next decade through the end of his tenure on May 4, 2018; and
- WHEREAS, upon becoming the 10th President, Dr. Robert A. Underwood reviewed and later revised the UOG Strategic Plan refining the mission of “Inina, Diskubre, Setbisio” to the current mission of “Ina, Diskubre, Setbe”, redefining the four Core Commitments of UOG, and reshaping the three Strategic Initiatives that has transformed UOG into the age of globalization, sustainability, and modern academic performance; and
- WHEREAS, from Fall 2008 to Fall 2017, enrollment at the University of Guam increased by 16 percent; six-year graduation rates improved by 5.5 percentage points; new and relevant undergraduate degree programs in Pre-Engineering, Agriculture & Life Sciences, and Pacific Asian Studies (Track: Chamorro), and the Masters of Science in Sustainable Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources were established; and financial assistance opportunities to attend the University and for off-island travel through student exchange programs or short term activities were instituted to expand and improve the student experience; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Robert A. Underwood guided the University in managing a complex array of over 84 grants and contracts, which have increased by 16 from Fiscal Year 2008 totaling over \$32 million dollars thereby greatly enhancing the research and service missions of the University, meeting the needs of the community, and creating numerous local jobs; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Robert A. Underwood guided and reshaped a framework and aggressive fundraising effort for the capital improvements campaign through the UOG Endowment Foundation to support his UOG Vision 2025 plan by instituting programs through a variety of different initiatives which currently totals over \$3 million as of February 28, 2018; and
- WHEREAS, the Judiciary entered into a partnership with the School of Business and Public Administration at the University of Guam to offer an intensive one year Master of Public Administration (MPA) for Judiciary employees focused on the role of the Judiciary in the broad field of public administration which in May 2017 graduated a total of 12 employees from the major divisions in the court with an MPA degree; and
- WHEREAS, many students of the University have served in the courts as interns thus enhancing their educational experiences and benefitting the Judiciary; and
- WHEREAS, an additional 108 employees of the current Judiciary of Guam workforce have graduated with undergraduate or other graduate degrees from the University of Guam which contribute greatly to the overall administration of the court system; and
- WHEREAS, Judicial Officers and Court Managers serve as Adjunct Instructors and Professors to support the educational mission of the University of Guam to service its learners and communities of Guam, Micronesia, and the neighboring regions of the Pacific and Asia.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Judicial Council does hereby commend Dr. Robert A. Underwood for his service to the people of Guam and, specifically, to the University of Guam for his tenure as President and conveys that, through his steadfast leadership and innovation, has contributed greatly to the greater Guam community and importantly to the work of Guam’s Third and Co-Equal Branch of Government.

DATED this 15th day of May 2018.

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