



UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
UNIBETSEDAT GUAHAN
BOARD OF REGENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 12-13

**RELATIVE TO AWARDING THE HONORARY DEGREE OF MASTERS OF
MICRONESIAN TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE TO MR. JESUS CHARFAUROS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents is authorized to confer degrees; and

WHEREAS, Jesus Charfauros was born in 1933 and grew up during wartime and post-World War II Guam; and

WHEREAS, Jesus Charfauros was raised with the Chamorro language and culture passed down by his parents and grandparents; and

WHEREAS, Jesus Charfauros began writing Chamorro language songs in the 1950s for the Charfauros brothers, a group made up of his two brothers and a cousin, who would perform at political rallies, fiestas and on the Alan Sekt show; and,

WHEREAS, Jesus Charfauros, in the mid-1960s, composed "*Munga Yo' Mafino Engles*" (Don't Speak to me in English), a song that presented the Chamorro language as central to cultural identity and established Chamorro language music as a format for social activism centered on perpetuating the language and *the kustumbren Chamorro* traditions; and,

WHEREAS, Jesus Charfauros, in the 1970s and 1980s, continued to write songs for his brothers and numerous artists and play a pivotal role in the Chamorro music recording industry, participated in radio shows such as "*Programa Chamorrta*," "The Chamorro News" and live broadcasts of the "Jesus Chamorro Show" from Chamorro nightclubs, and began "*Programan Konbetsasion*," a Chamorro language talk show; and,

WHEREAS, Jesus Charfauros has been named "Jesus Chamorro" and is a true pioneer of the Chamorro cultural renaissance; and

WHEREAS, Jesus Charfauros has contributed over fifty years of his life promoting the Chamorro culture through music and hosting cultural and informative shows in the Chamorro language.

WHEREAS, Jesus Charfauros, through his artistic contributions, captures the traditional and cultural expressions, and spirit of the Chamorro people; and

WHEREAS, Jesus Charfauros has contributed more to the public use of Chamorro in mass media than any other single individual in Guam and Marianas history; and

WHEREAS, Jesus Charfauros is acknowledged as the most authentic and creative voice for the Chamorro language as reflected in the "*mas taddong*" use of the

language and its application through traditional phrases to new uses whether it is in driving examinations, news casts, song writing or the radio voice for decades.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents through the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations, and Honorary Degree Committee hereby deems it appropriate to confer the Honorary Degree of Masters of Micronesian Traditional Knowledge to Jesus Charfauros; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents, along with the President of the University of Guam, will confer said Honorary Degree at the Spring 2012 Commencement on May 27, 2012.

Adopted this 16th day of May, 2012.



W. Chris Perez, Chairperson

ATTESTED:



Dr. Robert A. Underwood, Executive Secretary