



UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
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BOARD OF REGENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 14-28

**RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO WALTER CHRIS PEREZ
FOR HIS SERVICE AS A MEMBER, VICE CHAIRPERSON, AND
CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

WHEREAS, upon the completion by Walter Chris Perez of his term as a member, Vice Chairperson and Chairperson of the Board of Regents, the University of Guam community wishes to express its sincere gratitude for his dedication and service; and

WHEREAS, Walter Chris Perez is married to Debra G. Ericson, M.D., and they have two children, Kallen Marie and Matthew Gregory, and one grandchild, Christopher; and

WHEREAS, Walter Chris Perez graduated as Valedictorian of the 1968 Sophomore Class of St. Jude Thaddeus School in Sinajana, Guam and as Valedictorian of the 1970 Senior Class of Father Duenas Memorial High School in Tai, Mangilao, Guam; and

WHEREAS, Walter Chris Perez, as a Government of Guam Valedictorian Scholarship recipient, attended and graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology from the St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri; then attended and graduated with a Medical Doctor (M.D.) Degree in 1978 from the University of California San Francisco School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Walter Chris Perez continued his professional training from 1978-1981 as an Intern and Resident in Family Practice at the University of California San Francisco Sonoma County Community Hospital in Santa Rosa, California and served as a Clinical Instructor from 1980-1981 at the California State University, Sonoma, School of Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship Program; and

WHEREAS, Walter Chris Perez has received numerous awards and recognition in his educational pursuits, to include serving as the first Guam representative to A Presidential Classroom, in Washington, D.C. (1970); National Honor Society Member (1969-1970) and President; Alpha Sigma Nu – Jesuit Colleges – National Honor Society; Beta Beta Beta – National Honor Society in Biology; Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society; and University of California Regents Scholar; and

WHEREAS, Walter Chris Perez is a public servant and is active in the community, having served on several Boards and organizations, including the Make a Wish Foundation, American Cancer Society, Guam Heart Association, U.S. Navy League Guam Council, KTWG-Guam Pacific Volunteer Physician, Guam Boy Scouts, Guam Youth Football, SPG Medical Staff, Guam Boxing Federation, GMHA Board of

Trustees, Guam Board of Disability & Vocational Rehabilitation, and Guam Board of Medical Examiners; and

WHEREAS, Walter Chris Perez is the CEO, Chairman, President, and Family Physician at The Doctors' Clinic since its founding in 1985 until present and is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians; Diplomate, American Board of Family Practice; Fellow, American Academy of Family Physicians; Past Delegate, Guam Chapter to AAFP National Assembly; Past President, Guam Medical Society; and Past Member, American College of Physician Executives; and

WHEREAS, Walter Chris Perez is recognized in the medical community for his outstanding contributions to the health and welfare of Guam's people, having served as a Physician Consultant to the Department of Public Health and the UOG Student Nursing Clinic; Employee Staff Physician, Staff Physician in Family Practice, President of the Medical Staff, GMH Medical Staff By-Laws Committee past-Chairman, and Chairman of the Family Practice Department at Guam Memorial Hospital; Clinical Associate at the UOG School of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, Walter Chris Perez joined the Guam Army National Guard Medical Corps in April 2007 as a Physician with the Medical Corps, served as Field Surgeon on combat deployment in Operation Iraqi Freedom from January 2009 to April 2009, and continues to serve as State Surgeon; and

WHEREAS, Walter Chris Perez was appointed on October 31, 2006 to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of former Regent Ronald Leach; he was reappointed and confirmed on July 9, 2008 to serve a full six-year term ending on July 8, 2014, and continued to serve in an acting holdover capacity as authorized by PL 29-113, until August 18, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Walter Chris Perez served as Vice Chairperson of the BOR from April 18, 2008 to April 26, 2012; and as Chairperson of the BOR from April 26, 2012 to April 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Walter Chris Perez was appointed by BOR Resolution No. 07-47 as Chairperson of the Presidential Search Committee and served throughout the five month process which resulted in the hiring of President Robert A. Underwood; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Board of Regents, Walter Chris Perez served on: the Physical Facilities Committee as a member from January 2007 to September 2014; the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations and Honorary Degree Committee as a member from January 2007 to May 2007 and August 2013 to September 2014, and as Chairperson from May 2007 to August 2013; and the Budget, Finance, Investments and Audit Committee as ex-officio member from April 2012 to April 2014; and

WHEREAS, Walter Chris Perez, through his excellent leadership and steadfast commitment, assisted the Board of Regents in its maturation to perform as it does today; and

WHEREAS, Walter Chris Perez, during his tenure as Chairperson of the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations and Honorary Degree Committee contributed significantly to the University's growth and development related to student services, promotion of academic success, and recognition of community leadership; and

WHEREAS, Walter Chris Perez is highly regarded for his dedication, acuity, humor, and patriotism, having fostered excellence in performance and attendance, and participated in and supported university and Army Senior ROTC program activities though out his term as a regent.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of the University of Guam, the administration, faculty, staff and students, convey to Walter Chris Perez their sincerest gratitude for his dedication to the University and the people of Guam, for his service as a member, Vice Chairperson and Chairperson of the Board of Regents, and for his devotion to the health, growth and prosperity of our island; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Walter Chris Perez and his family, to the Governor of Guam, and to the Speaker and members of the thirty-second (32nd) Guam Legislature.

Adopted this 25th day of September, 2014.



William D Leon Guerrero, Chairman

ATTESTED:



Dr. Robert Underwood, Executive Secretary