



**UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
UNIBETSEDAT GUÅHAN
BOARD OF REGENTS**

Resolution No. 18-19

**RELATIVE TO AWARDING THE HONORARY DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS TO MR. HIDENOBU “GEORGE” TAKAGI**

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Hidenobu “George” Takagi was born in 1942 on Hiroshima, Japan and graduated from the Nishinomiya High School in Hyogo Prefecture, Japan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hidenobu “George” Takagi is the son of Hideji and Shigeko Takagi, and is married to Noriko Takagi, with whom they have three grown children and three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hidenobu “George” Takagi received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Livestock from Kobe University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hidenobu “George” Takagi initially conducted agricultural research on behalf of a toothpaste manufacturer on the possibility of growing mint in Saipan by doing soil surveys and planting mint seedlings to test the sustainability of mint cultivation which turned out to be unsuccessful; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hidenobu “George” Takagi, upon traveling through Guam, saw a business opportunity to grow and sell various fresh vegetables on the island and convinced seven of his college classmates and younger friends to join him in setting up a vegetable farm company; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hidenobu “George” Takagi, in 1967, founded and became General Manager of “*Green Farm, Incorporated*” in Inarajan to help reduce local reliance on importation of vegetables by growing local produce and improving the availability and quality of fresh vegetables sold on island; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hidenobu “George” Takagi, in 1972, chose to stay on Guam, the island he had grown to love, after his farming company ran out of money, and transitioned to the family tradition of selling insurance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hidenobu “George” Takagi, in May 1973, became the Founder, Vice President, and local General Manager of “*Universe Insurance Underwriters, Incorporated*” (UIU), a managing general agent for the Yasuda Fire Marine Insurance Company in Japan, to provide a wide range of insurance solutions to Guam’s local business community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hidenobu “George” Takagi, after 17 years with UIU, decided to open his own company in 1990 and became the Founder and Executive Chairman of “*Takagi & Associates, Incorporated*”, partnering with Aioi Nissay Dowa Insurance Company, Limited; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hidenobu “George” Takagi celebrated the company’s 27th anniversary last year in 2017 serving the island of Guam and Saipan, and looking to expand elsewhere in the south pacific; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hidenobu “George” Takagi served with the Japan Club of Guam (JCG) as a previous President in 2003-2005 and 2015-2017, and currently serves as the JCG President and as a board member of the JCG and Japanese School for the last 15 years, where the JCG, created in 1972, serves as a community hub for Japanese living on the island to socialize, do business, and create events to forge friendships, such as the annual “Autumn Festival” hosted at Ypao Beach, and Arts & Craft Fair; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hidenobu “George” Takagi served as the Chairman for the last 14 years of the Peace Ring of Guam, a Guam-based nonprofit organization that honors more than 19,000 Japanese, Americans, and CHamorus who lost their lives during World War II, by sponsoring memorial services and supports cleaning and maintenance of the South Pacific Memorial Tower Park and various other memorials, as well as promoting and supporting Guam’s many memorial services for war victims; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hidenobu “George” Takagi currently serves as the Second Vice President of the American Red Cross, and served as a board member for the last 14 years, providing health and safety, and relief aid for those in need during times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hidenobu “George” Takagi served as a board member of the Micronesian Area Research Center for the last 11 years, supporting the mission and initiatives in managing the vast wealth of research and reference materials collected over the years spanning several genres about the Guam and Micronesian culture; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hidenobu “George” Takagi served as a board member of the Guam Health Care and Hospital Development Foundation, Incorporated for six years, and Director and Chairman of the Japan Business Development Committee to help improve the level of healthcare services on Guam by finding partnerships with Japanese hospital groups and medical facilities to bring investment to the island to help fill gaps in medical care/services not readily available; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hidenobu “George” Takagi served as a board member of the Guam Employer’s Council for four years; and

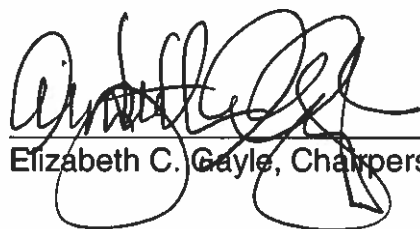
WHEREAS, Mr. Hidenobu “George” Takagi received several awards and recognition to include: As President of the JCG, received commendations from the government of Japan through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for sponsoring various activities promoting friendship between Japan and other countries; as Chairman of the Peace Ring of Guam in 2006, received recognition from the 28th Guam Legislature Executive Committee (Resolution No. 194) for a Peace Ring project that brought 250 high school students from Japan to learn more about the war and pay respects to those who died during World War II; in 2009, received the Overseas Diplomatic Missions Award from the Japan Consulate General on Guam; in 2015, received the Order of the Rising Sun Gold and Silver Rays, one of Japan’s highest honors, from the Emperor of Japan for long and meritorious service in the promotion of Japanese culture and international friendship;

in 2015, received recognition from the 33rd Guam Legislature (Resolution No. 124-33) for his company's 25 years of dedication to the insurance industry on Guam; and in 2016, received recognition from the 33rd Guam Legislature (Resolution No. 265-33) for his dedication of service to the Japanese and local community and for receiving the Order of the Rising Sun Gold and Silver Rays.

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 Doctor of Humane Letters upon Mr. Hidenobu "George" Takagi; 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 Fañomnåkan 2018 Commencement on May 20, 2018.

Adopted this 26th day of April 2018.


Elizabeth C. Gayle, Chairperson

ATTESTED:



Dr. Robert A. Underwood, Executive Secretary