

RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO ROLAND S. CERTEZA FOR HIS SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

WHEREAS, upon the resignation of Roland S. Certeza as a member of the Board of Regents (BOR), the University of Guam (UOG) community wishes to express its sincere gratitude for his dedication and service;

WHEREAS, Roland S. Certeza earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Accounting from California State University, San Diego, California in 1989; and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Guam in 2010;

WHEREAS, Roland S. Certeza is currently the Chief Executive Officer and President for GTA Teleguam, a role in which he is responsible for overseeing the company's overall strategic direction, operations, and business development initiatives, including the expansion of advanced telecommunication services, the enhancement of customer experience, and providing guidance in the development of cutting-edge technology solutions to meet the evolving needs of the region since 2017:

WHEREAS, Roland S. Certeza has demonstrated a strong commitment to the Guam community by leveraging his position as a telecom executive to help raise nearly \$350,000 for various organizations, including the American Red Cross, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Ayuda Foundation, Catholic Social Services, Toys for Tots, as well as other cancer care groups and disaster relief efforts; and in addition to his philanthropic contributions, he has been an active member of the Guam Land Use Commission (GLUC), and served as a board member for the Island Sustainability Community Advisory (ISCA), where he contributed to the development of strategies aimed at promoting sustainability through the University of Guam's Center for Island Sustainability (CIS);

WHEREAS, Roland S. Certeza was recognized in November 2019 as a recipient of the 2019 University of Guam Distinguished Alumni Awards, having earned his Master of Business Administration in 2010 from the School of Business and Public Administration:

WHEREAS, Roland S. Certeza was confirmed as a member of the BOR on October 19, 2020 to serve a full six-year term, and served until his resignation effective end of day, December 31, 2024;

WHEREAS, Roland S. Certeza as a member of the BOR, served on the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations, and Honorary Degree Committee from November 2020 to April 2021; the Investment Committee from November 2020 to November 2024; the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee from February 2021 to November 2024; and as the BOR Representative to the Centennial Fund from November 2020 to November 2024;

WHEREAS, as a member of the BOR, Roland S. Certeza also served as a member of the strategic planning ad hoc committee to assist in developing the University's new strategic plan: *Tulos Mo'na: Navigating 2024-2029* from May 2024 to November 2024; and represented the BOR as a member of the Presidential Search Committee from 2022 to 2023;

WHEREAS, Roland S. Certeza brought experience and knowledge as a successful professional and a responsible leader to the BOR, and provided valuable influence in working with both the community and the Administration in addressing issues impacting UOG;

WHEREAS, Roland S. Certeza's commitment and leadership in support of UOG and higher education as a BOR member is recognized, commended and greatly appreciated;

WHEREAS, Roland S. Certeza is highly regarded for his candor, sound judgement, conscientiousness, thoroughness, and holistic consideration in decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the Academic, Personnel, and Tenure Committee has reviewed the recommendation and recommends approval of this resolution expressing appreciation to Roland S. Certeza to the BOR.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOR of UOG, the administration, faculty, staff and students, convey to Roland S. Certeza their sincerest gratitude for his dedication to UOG and the people of Guam, for his service as a member of the BOR, and for his devotion to the growth and prosperity of our island and region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be sent to Roland S. Certeza, to the Governor of Guam, and to the Speaker and members of the thirty-seventh (37th) Guam Legislature.

Adopted this 12th day of December, 2024.

Lesley-Anne Leon Guerrero, Chairperson

ATTESTED:

Anita Borja Enriquez, D.B.A., Executive Secretary