



UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
UNIBETSEDÁT GUÅHAN
Board of Regents

Resolution No. 22-03

**RELATIVE TO AWARDING THE HONORARY DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS TO DR. PATRICK UBAL TELLEI**

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents (BOR) is authorized to confer degrees;

WHEREAS, Dr. Patrick Ubal Tellei is the longest serving chief executive of any higher education institution in the Pacific region, has arguably made possible more educational opportunities available for the people of Palau and the wider region of Micronesia than any single individual, and has brokered agreements with universities and colleges in a way that consistently enhances academic excellence and island progress;

WHEREAS, Dr. Patrick Ubal Tellei's leadership of the Pacific Post-Secondary Educational Council has been exemplary, and he has been a key leader and supporter on the full range of grant-funded research and education throughout his career;

WHEREAS, Dr. Patrick Ubal Tellei has been a superb ambassador of Pacific Island-based institutions in regional, national, and international forums as well as served in several significant positions and organizations to include, but not limited to, being Commissioner of the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges; Chair of the Board of Directors of the Palau International Coral Reef Center; Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies (APAFS); Governing Board Member of the Regional Educational Laboratory (REL)-Pacific; Board Member and Co-Principal Investigator for the Islands of Opportunity Alliance of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (IOA-LSAMP) Grant from the National Science Foundation; and Principal Investigator (PI) of the Advance Technological Education: Partnership for Advanced Marine and Environmental Science Training for Pacific Islanders, also from the National Science Foundation;

WHEREAS, Dr. Patrick Ubal Tellei has also provided leadership beyond research and education through serving as a Delegate and Secretary to the 2nd Constitutional Convention for the Republic of Palau in 2005; as Catastrophic Relief Coordinator for Super Typhoon Bopha Recovery in 2012; as Governing Board Member of the Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System (PacIOOS) since 2014; and as a Member of the negotiating team for the Compact of Free Association for the Republic of Palau since 2021;

WHEREAS, Dr. Patrick Ubal Tellei completed his dissertation titled: "*Omesubel Ureor: Workforce Development in Palau from Pre-Contact to 1999*" which he earned his Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree from the University of San Diego in 2005;

WHEREAS, Dr. Patrick Ubal Tellei supported the practice and transmission of island wisdom and traditional lifeways within educational settings and beyond through his rich and varied career to include, but not limited to, hosting the Grand Master Navigator Sesario Sewralur for his workshop titled, "*Reading the Currents, Winds, and Stars*" during the past year and his hosting of the Palau Field School in 2019;

WHEREAS, Dr. Patrick Ubal Tellei frequently spoke as a keynote speaker, advocate, and advisor to national, regional, and international leaders, highlighting the central importance of education to addressing the critical challenges of our time – climate change, democratic governance, sustainable development, and making the world safe for Pacific Island cultures; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patrick Ubal Tellei's recommendation package has been reviewed by the Honorary Degree Committee; Faculty Senate Standing Committee on Faculty Excellence and Faculty Senate; Deans' Council; Senior Vice President & Provost; and the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations, and Honorary Degree Committee, and recommend approval of the Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa* (DHL) to the BOR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOR hereby approves to confer the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa* (DHL), upon Dr. Patrick Ubal Tellei; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOR, along with the President of the University of Guam, will confer said Honorary Degree at the Fañomnåkan 2022 commencement.

Adopted this 24th day of February, 2022.



Liza J. Provido, Chairperson

ATTESTED:



Thomas W. Krise, Ph.D., Executive Secretary