RELATIVE TO AMENDING BOR RESOLUTION NO. 12-16 TO INCLUDE STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE MONTGOMERY G.I. BILL – ACTIVE DUTY (CHAPTER 30)

WHEREAS, the governance and control of the University of Guam (UOG) is vested in the Board of Regents (BOR); and,

WHEREAS, BOR Resolution No. 12-16, which grants resident tuition for certain students eligible for education benefits under the *Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2010*, was passed on September 20, 2012; and

WHEREAS, under Section 702 of the *Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014* ("Choice Act") the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs will disapprove programs of education for payment of benefits under the Post 9/11 GI Bill and Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty (also known as Chapter 30) at public institutions of higher learning if the schools charge qualifying Veterans and dependents tuition and fees in excess of the rate for resident students for terms beginning after July 1, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment extends the resident tuition benefit to students who are eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty and also authorizes fees to be charged at the resident rate for these eligible students, should a distinction between resident and non-resident fees be made, making the UOG fully compliant with Section 702 of the Choice Act; and

WHEREAS, the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations and Honorary Degree Committee recommends that BOR Resolution No. 12-16 be amended to allow for students eligible under the Post 9/11 GI Bill and the Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty, including any family members to which the benefit can be legally transferred, residency status for the purpose of calculating tuition and fees payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Administration may grant resident status for tuition and fee purposes to certain students eligible for benefits under the Choice Act, effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the University of Guam has the authority to set the parameters and regulations for the granting of resident status for tuition and fee purposes for students eligible for benefits under the Choice Act, consistent with this resolution.

Adopted this 19th day of February 2015.

William Leon Guerrero, Chairperson

ATTESTED:

Dr. Robert A. Underwood, Executive Secretary