



**UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
UNIBETSEDAT GUAHAN
BOARD OF REGENTS**

RESOLUTION NO. 15-38

**RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES
TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE DR. WALTER CHRIS PEREZ**

WHEREAS, upon the passing of Dr. Walter Chris Perez on November 14, 2015, the University of Guam (UOG) community wishes to express its sincere condolences to his family and recognize his years of dedication and service to UOG, the island of Guam, and the region; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walter Chris Perez was married to the late Debra G. Ericson, M.D., and is survived by their children, Kallen Marie and Matthew Gregory, and his favorite and only grandson, Nolan Christopher (Perez) Bamba; and

WHEREAS, Dr. 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, Dr. 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, Dr. 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, Dr. 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 continued to serve as State Surgeon and as an active member of the Guam Army National Guard until his passing; and

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

WHEREAS, Dr. 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, Dr. 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, Dr. 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, Dr. 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.

WHEREAS, Dr. Walter Chris Perez serves as a model for University citizenship and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walter Chris Perez' personal and leadership creed was: 1) Duty to obedience – the BOR will obey the law; Duty to diligence – BOR members will be prepared; and Duty to allegiance – BOR members will always act for the best of UOG; and

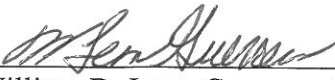
WHEREAS, Dr. Walter Chris Perez demonstrated commitment and dedication through his contributions to the development and progress of the University during his tenure on the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, the University community is saddened at the passing of Dr. Walter Chris Perez and joins his family in honoring his memory and mourning his loss.

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


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to his family, to The Doctors' Clinic, to the Governor of Guam, and to the Speaker and members of the thirty-third (33rd) Guam Legislature.

Adopted this 19th day of November, 2015.



William D. Leon Guerrero, Chairman

ATTESTED:



Dr. Robert Underwood, Executive Secretary