



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-10**

**RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES  
TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE PEDRO PALOMO ADA, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, upon the passing of Pedro Palomo Ada, Jr. on February 12, 2016, 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**, Pedro Palomo Ada, Jr. is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Fe Perez Ada, and their children and spouses, Maria Ada Bonnie and Steven J. Hersman, Peter “Sonny” Perez and Jennifer M.A. Ada, Frances Ada and James Akeroyd Purviance, Jr., Patricia Perez Ada, Teresa Ada and David Joseph John, and Carla Perez Ada, and their eleven grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Pedro Palomo Ada, Jr. attended high school at George Washington High School (Guam), and later the St. Thomas Military Academy (St. Paul, Minnesota), where he graduated in 1949; he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, Minnesota) in 1953, and was granted a Doctor of Laws Degree *Honoris Causa* from the University of Guam in 1983 in recognition of his commitment and support of the growth of the institution; and,

**WHEREAS**, Pedro Palomo Ada, Jr. attended the St. Thomas Military Academy Senior R.O.T.C. program and upon graduation from college, became one of the first Chamorro officers in the U.S. Military, serving in the Air Force for four years; and

**WHEREAS**, Pedro Palomo Ada, Jr. was an entrepreneur, starting in high school where he sold civilian clothing, which was scarce in postwar Guam, to his fellow students at George Washington High School at an impressive profit; then, while attending high school in Minnesota, assisting his parents by buying and shipping shoes and wedding dresses to Guam to be sold at the family business. After completing his service in the Air Force, he worked for his parents’ business, Ada’s Markets, and expanded his career into opening various business investments, to include the establishment of Ada’s Trust & Investment, Inc. (ATII) in 1980, where he served as Chairman from incorporation until his death; and

**WHEREAS**, Pedro Palomo Ada, Jr. has a business history which includes retail, real estate development, finance and insurance, with his primary focus being on the development of commercial real estate, and through which he made long lasting contributions to Guam’s business infrastructure and development without government concessions or exceptions, exemplifying quality and service; and

**WHEREAS**, Pedro Palomo Ada, Jr. was a public servant, committed to giving back to the community and contributing to the development of Guam, and has served on numerous

boards to include the Government of Guam Retirement Fund, the Guam Chamber of Commerce Board, the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority Board of Trustees, the Guam Visitors Bureau Board, the Make a Wish Foundation Board, the University of Guam Board of Regents, the Government of Guam Education Blue Ribbon Committee, the U.S. Air Force Civilian Advisory Council, and as Vice Chairman of the Medical Center of the Marianas (nka Guam Memorial Hospital) Board, KGTF (nka PBS Guam) Board, and as Fundraising Chairman of the Boy Scouts of America (Guam); and

**WHEREAS**, Pedro Palomo Ada, Jr. was active in the community and was a strong supporter of the American Red Cross and the American Cancer society, and was recognized through the award of a Citation for Patriotic Civilian Service from the U.S. Department of the Army in 1982 and as well as his selection and acceptance as a Member of the University of St. Thomas' President's Council from 1989 until his death; and

**WHEREAS**, Pedro Palomo Ada, Jr., together with his wife, Fe, received the 2012 Honoree Award from Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary of Guam for their Christian witnessing, exemplary generous service and the prayerful support that they have always extended to the Catholic Church on Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, Pedro Palomo Ada, Jr. was appointed and proclaimed a Knight of the Order of Pope St. Gregory the Great on March 23, 2012, at St. Peter's, Rome, and also received a Papal Certificate for his support of the Catholic Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Pedro Palomo Ada, Jr. served on the University of Guam Board of Regents from 1974 to 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, Pedro Palomo Ada, Jr. served as Vice Chairperson of the BOR from 1975 to 1979; and as Chairperson of the BOR from 1979 to 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, Pedro Palomo Ada, Jr. was instrumental in the establishment of the ROTC program in 1979. As a result of his immense efforts, the ROTC program continues its strong tradition today, commissioning Guam's sons and daughters as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army to proudly lead soldiers to fight and win our nation's battles; and

**WHEREAS**, Pedro Palomo Ada, Jr. was a philanthropist, had a deep sense and understanding of the importance of giving back to the community, a philosophy that he taught his children through example and by encouraging them to be involved and active in the community in one way or another; and

**WHEREAS**, Pedro Palomo Ada, Jr., through his personal efforts and donations, funded the renovation of UOG's Army Senior R.O.T.C. program classrooms, providing Cadets a wonderful working environment to study and become the leaders our nation requires. His vision and leadership is embodied within all aspects of the UOG Army Senior R.O.T.C. program and will endure far into the future; and

**WHEREAS**, Pedro Palomo Ada, Jr. was recognized in 2015 as one of three Alumni Entrepreneurs at the University of St. Thomas' 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Entrepreneur Ceremony, when ATII received the Family Business of the Year Award from the University's John M. Morrison

Center for Entrepreneurship, which is part of the Schulze School of Entrepreneurship, in the Opus College of Business; and

**WHEREAS**, Pedro Palomo Ada, Jr. served as a model for community citizenship and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, Pedro Palomo Ada, Jr. demonstrated commitment and dedication through his contributions to the development and progress of the University during his tenure on the Board of Regents and thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, the University community is saddened at the passing of Pedro Palomo Ada, Jr. 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 Pedro Palomo Ada, Jr. 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, economy, social development, 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 Governor of Guam, and to the Speaker and members of the thirty-third (33<sup>rd</sup>) Guam Legislature.

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

  
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Antoinette D. Sanford, Chairperson

**ATTESTED:**



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Dr. Robert Underwood, Executive Secretary