



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

RESOLUTION NO. 10-16

**RELATIVE TO AWARDING THE HONORARY DEGREE OF MASTERS OF
MICRONESIAN TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents is authorized to confer degrees; and

WHEREAS, Honorary Degrees have historically been granted to recognize the achievements of persons in different fields of interest and to single out persons who have made contributions to society in almost every area of activity; and

WHEREAS, the University of Guam is the only baccalaureate institution of higher education that has the islands of Guam, the Marianas and the Micronesian Region as a central part of its mission and academic activities; and,

WHEREAS, a major part of the University's regional commitment is to support the perpetuation and advancement of the unique indigenous cultures of Micronesia; and,

WHEREAS, It is important that the University recognizes the indigenous cultural expertise and knowledge that has been passed along inter-generationally in island communities throughout Micronesia; and,

WHEREAS, the University seeks to highlight the importance and centrality of this knowledge to future generations by drawing attention to individuals who are acknowledged experts in an important facet of traditional culture; and,

WHEREAS, the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations, and Honorary Degree Committee and the University's administration recommend that the Board adopt an Honorary Degree of Masters of Micronesian Traditional Knowledge to be awarded to an indigenous expert in a field of traditional knowledge, and that such award be limited to a maximum of one per academic year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents adopts the Honorary Degree of Masters of Micronesian Traditional Knowledge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the award of the Honorary Degree of Masters of Micronesian Traditional Knowledge will be made during Spring Commencement exercises effective Spring 2010 and that no more than one such award may be made each year.

Adopted this 20th day of May, 2010.

ATTESTED:

Dr. Robert A. Underwood, Executive Secretary

P. Sonny Ada, Chairperson