



**UNIVERSITY OF GUAM  
UNIBETSEDAT GUÅHAN  
BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Resolution No. 18-20**

**RELATIVE TO AWARDING THE HONORARY DEGREE OF  
DOCTOR OF LAWS TO  
THE HONORABLE AMUA AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN**

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

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Amua Amata Coleman Radewagen was born in 1947 on Pago Pago, American Samoa, and graduated from the Sacred Hearts Academy in Honolulu, Hawaii; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Amua Amata Coleman Radewagen is the daughter of the late Governor and Mrs. Peter Tali Coleman, and is married to Fred Radewagen, with whom they has three grown children and two grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Amua Amata Coleman Radewagen received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Guam (1975), with additional studies at Loyola-Marymount and George Mason Universities; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Amua Amata Coleman Radewagen was elected as American Samoa's third Member of Congress on November 4, 2014 and re-elected with 75% of the vote in 2016, the highest vote-getter for any office in the history of American Samoan elections; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Amua Amata Coleman Radewagen was the first woman elected to the United States House of Representatives from American Samoa, and has been the most senior member of the Republican National Committee since 2012 and holds the orator (talking chief) title of Aumua from the village of Pago Pago in American Samoa where she is a registered voter; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Amua Amata Coleman Radewagen has been a community activist from American Samoa who volunteers with the hospital Women's Auxiliary, is a member of Business and Professional Women, and is on the board of Goodwill Industries; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Amua Amata Coleman Radewagen, a 24-year cancer survivor, has served as spokesperson for the Samoan Women's Health Project to promote cancer awareness and bring mammography to the territory, and has been liaison to the National Breast Coalition since 1993; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Amua Amata Coleman Radewagen is a member of the board of Field House 100 American Samoa, a non-profit organization devoted to finding athletic scholarship opportunities in the states for talented high school athletes in American Samoa; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Amua Amata Coleman Radewagen was appointed by President George W. Bush in 2001 as a White House Commissioner for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) where she chaired the Community Security Committee and was the only Pacific Islander on the 15-member commission that advised the President on AAPI issues and issued a landmark report on the health care needs of America's AAPI communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Amua Amata Coleman Radewagen has been involved with helping build democratic institutions abroad as a trainer since 1992 and participated in missions to Kazakstan, Cambodia, Kyrgyzstan, and Morocco for the International Republican Institute and the International Foundation for Electoral Systems; conducted training in Washington for Iraqi and Uyghur women leaders in 2007; and other international work through participation in several Pacific region conferences; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Amua Amata Coleman Radewagen served in several organizations in her career to include: member of the 1986 American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) study tour of Australia and elected as a member of the ACYPL Alumni Council in 1987; member of the advance team for the historic 1990 Honolulu summit between President George H.W. Bush and Pacific Island leaders; and Washington's advance liaison for the vice president's 1989 visit to Pago Pago; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Amua Amata Coleman Radewagen, as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives Majority Leadership Staff for eight years, served as Conference scheduling director and supervised the database created to reach out to Asian Pacific and other minority aspirants for congressional positions; and served as scheduling director to the U.S. Rep. Philip Crane (R-IL), the dean of the House Republican Conference at the time of his retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Amua Amata Coleman Radewagen, earlier in her career, served at the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity and the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and was the first executive assistant to the first delegate-at-large to Washington from American Samoa; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Amua Amata Coleman Radewagen, as a member of the Republican National Committee (RNC), served on the Chairman's Executive Council, the Committee on Arrangements for six national conventions and the Standing Committee on Rules; and attended eight Republican National Conventions, served twice as an officer of the Convention, and was a member of the Convention Committee on Rules six times; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Amua Amata Coleman Radewagen was appointed in 2013 to the Chairman's Commission on Convention Planning and, in recognition of her leadership in Pacific Islander communities nationally, received the RNC's inaugural Trailblazer Award named for Mary Louise Smith, the first woman ever to serve as RNC chairman; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Amua Amata Coleman Radewagen, in 2003, became the first and only Pacific Islander ever chosen as "Outstanding Woman of the Year" by the National Association of Professional Asian American Women (NAPAW); in 2008, received the International Leadership Foundation's Visionary Award; and in 2013, was presented

the "Inspirational Speaker" Award at the Ninth Annual Samoan Athletes Heart of Champions Ceremony in La Mesa, California; and

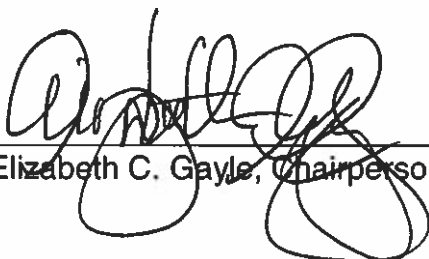
**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Amua Amata Coleman Radewagen is a life member of the Capital Hill Club, a founding member of the American Samoan Society, and a member of the Guam Society of America, the Hawaii State Society, the Women's Foreign Policy Group in Washington, the Independent Women's Forum, and the Pan Pacific and Southeast Asia Women's Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Amua Amata Coleman Radewagen appears in the *Who's Who in Politics, Who's Who in the South and Southwest*, is on the United States list of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community's *Register of Skilled Women in the Pacific*; and is one of the 100 women profiled in *The Women of American Samoa 1900-2000: A Hundred years of development and achievements*, a book prepared in conjunction with the centennial observances of American Samoa as a U.S. Territory.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Regents through the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations, and Honorary Degree Committee hereby deems it appropriate to confer the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws upon Congresswoman Amua Amata Coleman Radewagen; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Regents, along with the President of the University of Guam, will confer said Honorary Degree at the Fañomnākan 2018 Commencement on May 20, 2018.

Adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

  
Elizabeth C. Gayle, Chairperson

**ATTESTED:**

  
Dr. Robert A. Underwood, Executive Secretary