



**UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
UNIBETSEDAT GUÅHAN
Board of Regents**

Resolution No. 25-27

**RELATIVE TO COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF +YOICHI K. RENGIL,
BELOVED DIRECTOR OF TRIO PROGRAMS AND VALUED MEMBER OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF GUAM TRITON FAMILY**

WHEREAS, the University of Guam (UOG) is the primary U.S. Land Grant and Sea Grant institution accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior College and University Commission, serving the post-secondary needs of the people of Guam and the Western Pacific region;

WHEREAS, the governance and well-being of UOG is vested in the Board of Regents (BOR);

WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that the University community mourns the passing of Mengesebuuch Yoichi K. Rengiil on October 2, 2025, at the age of 84;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rengiil joined the University of Guam in October 1986 as a Technical Assistant in the Office of Student Affairs and, over his distinguished career, served as Federal Programs Officer, TRIO Programs Officer, and Acting Dean of Student Affairs;

WHEREAS, in 1998, Mr. Rengiil was appointed Director of Upward Bound under UOG TRIO Programs and later became Director of UOG TRIO Programs, where he led with compassion, vision, and an enduring commitment to educational access and equity;

WHEREAS, throughout nearly three decades of service, Mr. Rengiil was instrumental in expanding UOG TRIO Programs from the Student Support Services program to include both Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search, securing millions of dollars in federal funding to broaden access to higher education for low-income, first-generation college students, and students with disabilities;

WHEREAS, in 2016, Mr. Rengiil became the first TRIO Director in Micronesia to receive the *Walter O. Mason Jr. Award* from the Council for Opportunity in Education, the highest honor bestowed upon TRIO professionals, in recognition of his lifelong dedication to advancing educational opportunity;

WHEREAS, a proud alumnus of the University of Guam, Mr. Rengiil earned his Bachelor of Arts in History and Secondary Education in 1970, and his Master of Education in Educational Administration from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in 1973;

WHEREAS, following his retirement in 2019 after 33 years of service, Mr. Rengiil continued to share his wisdom as adjunct faculty until 2021, inspiring generations of Tritons through mentorship, advocacy, and example;

WHEREAS, beyond his contributions to education, Mr. Rengiil enriched the cultural landscape of Palau through music, as both a singer and songwriter whose compositions, including “*Did er a Sechou*” and “*Oh! Somebody Me Keleng Saingo*,” remain treasured expressions of Palauan identity and resilience;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rengiil’s dedication, leadership, and humanity have left an indelible mark on the University of Guam, the island of Guam, and the greater Micronesian region, exemplifying the values of service, scholarship, and cultural stewardship;

WHEREAS, the Academic, Personnel, & Tenure Committee has reviewed and recommends approval of this resolution commemorating the life and legacy of +Yoichi K. Rengiil to the BOR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOR, UOG administration, faculty, staff, and students of the University of Guam hereby recognizes and honors the late +Yoichi K. Rengiil for his more than three decades of exemplary service, visionary leadership, and lifelong commitment to student success, educational opportunity, and cultural preservation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University extends its deepest condolences to Mr. Rengiil’s family, colleagues, and students, and expresses its profound gratitude for his lasting contributions to the University and the Micronesian community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be presented to Mr. Rengiil’s family as a testament to his enduring legacy and recorded in the official records of the University of Guam Board of Regents.

Adopted this 25th day of November, 2025.



Agapito “Pete” A. Diaz, Chairperson

ATTESTED:



Anita Borja Enriquez, D.B.A., Executive Secretary