



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-22**

**RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES  
TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE DR. PATTY JO HOFF**

**WHEREAS**, upon the passing of Dr. Patty Jo Hoff on May 20, 2015, the University of Guam (UOG) community wishes to express its sincere condolences to her family and recognize her years of dedication and service to UOG, the island of Guam, and the region; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Patty Jo Hoff earned her baccalaureate degree from Hendrix College in 1954, her Master of Arts degree from the University of Arkansas a year later, and her Ph.D. from Louisiana State University in 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Patty Jo Hoff began her employment with UOG in 1965 as an instructor, rising to the rank of full professor with tenure in 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Patty Jo Hoff was employed at UOG until her retirement in 1987. During her employment, she served in a leadership capacity as chairperson for various academic and service committees, to include the Faculty Senate and the University Academic Affairs Committee, and in an administrative capacity for more than eight years as the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Patty Jo Hoff, after her retirement, served as a member of the Board of Regents (BOR) from 1989 to 1995, a member and Treasurer of the UOG Endowment Foundation Board from 1988 to 1995, and was awarded the title Professor Emerita of Communications; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Patty Jo Hoff contributed to the development and quality of the BOR as a member and as Chairperson of the Regent Nominating Council, which she served on from 2006 to 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Patty Jo Hoff distinguished herself internationally with her publications and lectures in the field of marine and biological science, and had authored nearly thirty publications with her life partner, Dr. Clay Carlson, on the subject popularly known as nudibranchs; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Patty Jo Hoff authored "English Pronunciation for Micronesian Speakers" in 1965, which was used as a class text for the UOG English division at the time of her retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Patty Jo Hoff was an active member of our community throughout her life. She was a scuba instructor for the Marianas Foundation, a founding member of the Guam Academic Foundation, served on the Guam Environmental Council, the Guam Sea Grant Advisory Committee, the Governor's Task force on Education, the UOG Centennial Society,

the Commission on Self-Determination Commonwealth Task Force, the Merizo Civic Improvement Club, and the Merizo Planning Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Patty Jo Hoff serves as a model for University citizenship and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Patty Jo Hoff has demonstrated commitment and dedication through her contributions to the development and progress of the University throughout her life on Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, the University community is saddened at the passing of Dr. Patty Jo Hoff and joins her family in honoring her memory and mourning her 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. Patty Jo Hoff their sincerest gratitude for her dedication to the University and the people of Guam, for her service as a faculty member, administrator, Professor Emerita, member of the UOG Endowment Foundation Board, member of the Board of Regents, and member of the Regent Nominating Council and for her devotion to the education, growth and prosperity of our island and its people; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to Clayton Carlson, to the University of Guam Society of Emeritus Professors & Retired Scholars, 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 June, 2015.



William D. Leon Guerrero, Chairperson

**ATTESTED:**



Dr. Robert Underwood, Executive Secretary