

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Dorothy P. Harris, Vice Chairperson
Dr. Judith P. Guthertz, Board Secretary
Conchita S.N. Taitano, Member*



Resolution No. 2023-03

RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING GARY D. KUWABARA, FROM THE OFFICE OF LOCAL DEFENSE AND COMMUNITY COOPERATION, AND TO EXPRESS OUR SINCEREST *SI YU'OS MA'ASE* AND DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR HIS PROFESSIONALISM AND INTELLIGENCE WHENEVER CARRYING OUT HIS DUTIES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM:

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Defense Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) assists local governments in planning and carrying out community adjustments and economic diversification in response to a proposed or actual realignment or closure of a military installation which may have a direct and significant adverse consequence on an affected community; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the U.S. Department of Defense announced the relocation of Marines from Okinawa to Guam and such defense program change would have a major impact on the island and its only commercial seaport; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Mr. Gary D. Kuwabara, was assigned to the Pacific Region as U.S. Department of Defense OLDCC Program Manager to work with the Government of Guam and provide technical assistance to enhance readiness and resilience of the military build-up; and

WHEREAS, through Mr. Kuwabara's technical assistance, the Port Authority of Guam was able to acquire since 2008 over \$ \$13,401,166.00 in grants from the Office of Economic Adjustment through the Office of the Governor to assist us in the development of the master plan and subsequent updates which provided the Port with a roadmap to address the future Port expansion and development based on organic growth as well as the military build-up; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kuwabara retired with OLDCC on June 4, 2022 but continued to serve in as a senior project manager focused on the Territory of Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands and Pacific Readiness/Pacific Deterrence Initiative Leader to the Director for a one-year period which will expire June 2023; and

WHEREAS, with his immeasurable display of dedication and commitment, Mr. Kuwabara forged a strong relationship between Federal Government and the Government of Guam and with his valuable assistance, support and guidance ensured the Port Authority of Guam would not be a choke-point for the military build-up; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kuwabara through his close working relationship with the Port Authority of Guam, he dedicated his efforts to ensure Guam's only commercial seaport is developed and managed to adequately accommodate and capitalize on the rapid expansion expected to occur in the future; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors on behalf of the employees and management of the Port Authority of Guam commend Mr. Gary D. Kuwabara for his service on Guam, and being a true friend to the people of Guam, especially to the Port Strong Family; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Chairperson certify to, and the Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter be transmitted to Mr. Gary D. Kuwabara and OLDCC directors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THIS 6th DAY OF APRIL, 2023.


DOROTHY P. HARRIS
Acting Chairperson, Board of Directors
Port Authority of Guam


DR. JUDITH P. GUTHERTZ
Secretary, Board of Directors
Port Authority of Guam

