

BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION RELATIVE TO EXTENDING OUR PROFOUND GRATITUDE TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR Richard S. Dirkx

FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION

Resolution No. PDSC 01-20

WHEREAS.

on January 1, 1990 Attorney Richard S. Dirkx commenced his employment as an Attorney 4, Step 2, with the

Public Defender Service Corporation (PDSC) of Guam; and

WHEREAS.

during his tenure as an attorney he achieved many accomplishments that include writing the first grant that allowed PDSC to receive federal funds through the STOP Formula Grant Program in 1994 - which helps strengthen the criminal justice system's response to violence against women and to support and

enhance services for victims; and

WHEREAS,

confident in his management and leadership skills the Board of Trustees, on several occasions, appointed Attorney Dirkx as the interim Executive Director during periods when the Board's search committee was

seeking to hire an Executive Director to lead the Corporation; and

WHEREAS.

through his dedication and commitment to the mission that is embodied in the Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, Attorney Dirkx is motivated by a desire to help those who society has largely abandoned. He spent the last 29-years of his life ensuring that the core constitutional values are at work and protected for every client that was appointed to the PDSC; and

WHEREAS.

while no formal process exists within the organization, Attorney Dirkx took on the responsibility of shepherding junior Assistant Public Defenders through their first few years of practice within the Corporation - helping them with trial preparation and client contact. Attorney Dirkx, through his warm welcoming demeanor, helped new attorneys navigate through the justice system at work and through social and professional activities; and

WHEREAS.

confident in Attorney Dirkx's ability to help lead the organization, Executive Director Stephen P. Hattori appointed Attorney Dirkx as the Deputy Director of the Corporation on April 23, 2016; and

WHEREAS.

while serving as an Attorney and Deputy Director of the PDSC, Attorney Dirkx was simultaneously involved with other ancillary activities that included providing input in the Judiciary of Guam's Treatment Courts as well as serving as a board member with Guam Legal Services Corporation for over 20-years; now therefore be

RESOLVED,

the Board of Trustees of the Public Defender Service Corporation hereby commends Deputy Director Richard S. Dirkx for his outstanding performance while at the PDSC. The board extends its Un Dangkulu na Si Yu'os Ma'ase to Deputy Director Dirkx for his dedication and service to the employees and indigent clients of the PDSC, and wishes him the very best as he enjoys his retirement after 30-years of government service to the people of Guam.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED THIS 25th day of October, 2019.

Chief Justice KATHERINE A. MARAMAN Chairman

Presiding Judge ALBERTO C. LAMORENA III

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