

A SENATE RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring the Life, Service, and Legacy of the Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo for her distinguished service and significant contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and expressing the profound sympathy and condolences of the Senate on the Occasion of Her Passing.

1 **WHEREAS**, the members of this Legislative Body are pleased to honor residents
2 of the Commonwealth for their remarkable service and sacrifices for the betterment of the
3 livelihoods, liberties, and freedoms of the citizens of the Commonwealth of the Northern
4 Mariana Islands and the entire United States of America; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo was born on February 9,
6 1948 to parents, †Tun Benigno Olupomar Sablan and †Tan Consolacion Hocog Atalig
7 Sablan. Her siblings include, †Vicente A. Sablan, †Micaela S. Demapan, †Herman A.
8 Sablan, †Gregorio M. Sablan, †Juan A. Sablan, †Isidro A. Sablan and †Manuel A.
9 Sablan; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo was married to Señor
11 Joaquin Teregeyo and they shared six children, †Irene, Geraldine, Donald, Dennis,
12 Catherine, and Derek; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo attended Marianas High
14 School (1971) and the University of Nebraska in Lincoln (1972-1976); and

15 **WHEREAS**, that Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo began her government
16 career early working for the Trust Territory Government on Saipan in such positions as
17 Management Intern for the Personnel Department, Employment Development and
18 Training Specialist and Program Administrator for CETA from 1975-1980; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo was subsequently
20 appointed as the first Executive Director of the CNMI Council for Arts and Culture, a
21 position she held from 1980 to 1991. As executive director, the Honorable Ana Atalig

1 Sablan Teregeyo and the Arts Council established the first Flame Tree Arts Festival in
2 1981, which continues to be celebrated 44 years after it was founded; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in election of 1991, the Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo
4 became the first woman to win a seat in the Commonwealth legislature, House of
5 Representatives, where she served in the Eighth Commonwealth Legislature (1992–
6 1994) as Floor Leader of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, Chair
7 of the House Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, and was a member of House
8 Committees on Commerce and Tourism, Federal and Foreign Relations, Natural
9 Resources, Ways and Means, and Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo was re-elected to the
12 Ninth Commonwealth Legislature (1994–1996) served as Chair of the Saipan and
13 Northern Islands Legislative Delegation and the House Committee on Health, Education
14 and Welfare, Vice-Chair of the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism, and
15 member of the House Committees on Natural Resources and Ways and Means; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in the mid-term election of 1995, the Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan
17 Teregeyo again was successfully re-elected to a third term to serve in the Tenth
18 Commonwealth Legislature (1996–1998) as Chair of the House Committee on Ways and
19 Means and member of the House Committees on Natural Resources; Judiciary and
20 Governmental Operations; Commerce and Tourism; and Federal and Foreign Relations;
21 and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo showed her tenacity by
23 winning yet again her fourth re-election to the House of Representatives of the Eleventh
24 Commonwealth Legislature where she served as Floor Leader, Chair of the House
25 Special Committee on Official Conduct and Ethics, and member of the House
26 Committees on Ways and Means; Judiciary and Governmental Operations; Commerce
27 and Tourism; Natural Resources; Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications;
28 Federal and Foreign Relations; and Labor and Immigration; and

29 **WHEREAS**, from 1992 to January 2000, the Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan
30 Teregeyo was an active member of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures and
31 was appointed to serve as the Chairperson of the Association of the Pacific Island

1 Legislatures (APIL) Subcommittee on Pacific Arts and Culture under the Standing
2 Committee on Government and Cultural Affairs; and

3 **WHEREAS**, during her tenure in the Tenth and Eleventh Commonwealth
4 Legislatures, the Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo was an active member of the
5 Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures and held the office of Treasurer (1997–
6 1999) and then Secretary in 1999; she also served as Chair of the CNMI Hosting Nation
7 Committee for APIL’s 1997 4th Chief Executives and Legislators Summit in Rota and
8 Chair of the CNMI Hosting Nation Committee for APIL’s 1998 17th General Assembly
9 and 33rd Board of Directors’ Meeting in Tinian; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo was instrumental in the
11 establishment of the CNMI Youth Congress. With her leadership, tenacity, and guidance,
12 the first ever CNMI Youth Congress was launched in 1998; and

13 **WHEREAS**, subsequent to her service as a legislator, the Honorable Ana Atalig
14 Sablan Teregeyo was appointed as the Special Assistant for Women’s Affairs, Office of
15 the Governor from 2001-2002; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo’s outstanding public
17 service included serving as the District Office Administrator of the then Resident
18 Representative to the United States of America from 2002-2006; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Representative Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo further served as the
20 CNMI Governor’s Personal Representative to the Festival of Pacific Arts Council
21 meetings in various places in the South Pacific, Member of the Board of Directors of the
22 Ayuda Network, Inc. Saipan from 1996-2000, and as the Vice-Chairperson of the
23 Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture from 2010-2012; and

24 **WHEREAS**, during her years of outstanding public service, Representative Ana
25 Atalig Sablan Teregeyo received many honors and awards, including 1998 Governor’s
26 Annual Award for Most Supportive Legislator of the Year presented by the Governor’s
27 Developmental Disabilities Council; 1992 Most Admired Woman of the Decade by the
28 American Biographical Institute, U.K.; 1990 International Recognition Award conferred
29 by the Japan Foundation on Cultures and the Arts, Yokohama; 1990 Departmental Award
30 for Most Loyal Employee, CNMI Government; 1990 Merit Award for Exceptional

1 Community Services by the International Biographical Center, Cambridge; and the 1990
2 World Who's Who of Women by the International Biographical Center, Cambridge; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo devoted her life to
4 public service and to the advancement of the people of the Commonwealth of the
5 Northern Mariana Islands. She served people of the Marianas during the Trust Territory
6 of Pacific Islands and the CNMI executive branch; and

7 **WHEREAS**, as a member of the CNMI House of Representatives, the Honorable
8 Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo was known for her integrity, steadfast leadership, and
9 unwavering commitment to her constituents; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo throughout her tenure in
11 public office, she championed initiatives that strengthened government accountability,
12 advanced community development, and promoted the welfare of families, elders, and
13 future generations. Her service was marked by diligence, humility, and a deep respect for
14 the democratic principles upon which the Commonwealth stands; and

15 **WHEREAS**, beyond her legislative accomplishments, Ana Atalig Sablan
16 Teregeyo paved the way for women to become elected leaders and policy makers. She
17 was a respected community leader, mentor, and role model whose guidance and example
18 inspired many to pursue public service; and

19 **WHEREAS**, her passing on February 27, 2026 is a profound loss to the
20 Commonwealth, and her legacy of dedication and public service will continue to resonate
21 throughout the islands. It is fitting and proper that the Senate recognizes her invaluable
22 contributions and expresses its heartfelt condolences to her family and loved ones during
23 this time of mourning;

24 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth
25 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature that the Senate hereby honors and
26 celebrates the life, service, and legacy of the Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo for
27 her years of faithful and dedicated public service to the people of the Commonwealth;
28 and

29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Senate expresses its deepest sympathy
30 and condolences to her family, friends, colleagues, and all who mourn her passing; and

