



## Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes 36<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

Faith, family, culture and a passion for helping people are the values that guide the vision of one of Guam's proudest public servants. As a young advocate working to protect the rights of the indigent community on Guam in the Guam Public Defenders Office, Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes quickly found that service would be the center of her career. She saw firsthand the consequences of a community that surrenders its most vulnerable citizens to drugs, crime, and economic stagnation. This is why she has been an outspoken advocate for programs that expand the circle of economic opportunity in our tourism sector, turn abandoned houses into affordable homes, and make life just a little easier for our *Man'amko* (elders).

Since the days of her first term in the 27th Guam Legislature, Vice Speaker Muña Barnes worked tirelessly alongside her colleagues to build a modern, progressive island that serves our community. As the Chairwoman on Legislative Committee on Public Accountability, Human Resources, the Guam Buildup, *Hagåtña* Revitalization, Regional Affairs, Public Library, Telecommunications, and Technology her mission is focused greatly on initiatives that ensure our work today leaves behind a stronger Guam for tomorrow.

Vice Speaker Muña Barnes works closely with the island's mayors to support their efforts in building stronger neighborhoods. Building on this partnership with community leaders, she has become a visible force behind Guam's affordable housing initiatives. Speaker Barnes believes one of her most important achievements to be the work she's done to help hundreds of struggling families raise their children in safe, affordable homes.

Her unmatched commitment to strengthen and diversify Guam's tourism industry, has helped to increase visitor arrival numbers not seen in nearly two decades. Under her watch as Chairwoman on the Legislative Committee on tourism in 2016, the tourism sector accounted for nearly 20,000 jobs and more than 60% of our private sector economy. Knowing that tourism is much larger than Tumon, Vice Speaker Barnes has worked to increase direct funding to each of the island's 19 villages and fully prepared Guam for the success of the 2016 Festival of the Pacific Arts (FestPac 2016)--the Olympics of Pacific culture.

Calling on her experience as Deputy Director of the Department for Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities, Speaker Barnes wrote the law that gives small businesses owned by Service-Disabled veterans preference in government contracting. She also wrote the "Patient Protection Act" so that every patient can make informed decisions about their Doctors; she worked across the aisle to stop the slow March of human trafficking across our borders with landmark legislation, and continued to show Guam a new way forward through legislation which made Medicinal Cannabis legal by Legislative Submission in 2014.

Believing that the best way to lead is through example, Vice Speaker Barnes is a proud member and volunteer for numerous non-profit organizations. From paving the way for a brighter future for the next generation of women as a member of the Soroptimist International of Guam, to helping Guam's athletes take their skill to the next level, Vice Speaker Barnes' true understanding for helping others comes from within.

While her duties as Vice Speaker of the 36th Guam Legislature are at the center of her public life, her service to our people includes a lifelong commitment to organizations like *Guma Mami*, Bill Muña Foundation, Guam Farmers' Association and the *Manenggon* Memorial Foundation.

Vice Speaker Muña Barnes' love of family, passion for people and pride in her culture was nurtured through her loving parents, Ana Anderson Atoigue Muña and the late William Pereira "Bill" Muña. She grew up in Mangilao with her eight siblings and married her husband Jacob Cruz Barnes in 1983. They are the proud parents of Tiffany Rose, & Fiance Ken LG Cruz; Jacob "Coby" & Frances Jean "Nani", Jathan Ryan & Kayla Marie and Minna. The Muña Barnes family celebrates every day with love and life, sharing their values with five beautiful grandchildren, Tiarra, Kristian Jacob, Kristiana Linette, Gabriel, and Tatum Kole; and four great-grandchildren, Gunner, Grayson, Goddy, and Gastan.