

**I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS**

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, pharmacy is a modern and independent science that traces its
4 formal origins back to the early nineteenth (19th) century, evolving from ancient
5 practices to a science-based profession essential to modern healthcare; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in 1821, the first college of pharmacy in the United States was
7 established and is now known as the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science,
8 setting the foundation for the development of pharmacy education across the U.S.,
9 Great Britain, and continental Europe; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the treatment of illness with medications requires a broad
11 understanding of biological and physical sciences, which form the core of
12 pharmaceutical training. In the United States, pharmacy education has evolved into a
13 rigorous Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program, integrating studies in physics,

1 chemistry, biology, pharmacology, bacteriology, physiology, and other specialized
2 areas, along with business and legal courses in pharmaceutical jurisprudence,
3 accounting, merchandising, and computer technologies; and

4 **WHEREAS**, pharmacists are responsible for the safe preparation and dispensing
5 of medications in various forms, including tablets, capsules, and sterile injectable
6 solutions, and play a critical role in patient care, advising on the appropriate use of
7 medications and ensuring their quality; and

8 **WHEREAS**, on Guam, pharmacy education is supported by the Guam
9 Community College, which offers courses in Pharmacy Technician Certification
10 through its Allied Health Program, providing students with the skills and knowledge to
11 assist licensed pharmacists in various settings, and by the University of Guam, which
12 offers a Pre-Pharmacy Track within its College of Natural & Applied Sciences,
13 providing students with a strong foundation in biology, chemistry, and other health
14 sciences necessary for further studies in pharmacy school; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Pharmacists Association (GPhA) is a licensed, non-profit
16 organization dedicated to serving pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, pharmacy
17 students, and associate members across the island. GPhA has grown to include over one
18 hundred fifty (150) members and represents more than twenty (20) pharmacies serving
19 the healthcare needs of Guam's community; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the GPhA works tirelessly to improve patient care through ongoing
21 professional development, organizing Continuing Education (CE) events that provide
22 its members with the latest updates in pharmacy law, federal and local compliance
23 requirements, and advancements in disease state management and pharmaceutical
24 therapies. These events enable pharmacists to stay at the forefront of their profession
25 and deliver the highest standard of care to their patients; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the GPhA continues to strengthen the healthcare system on Guam
27 through community outreach, health campaigns, and collaboration with healthcare

1 providers, ensuring that the island’s residents receive critical medications, vaccinations,
2 and pharmaceutical guidance; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Pharmacists Association's leadership has made
4 significant contributions to the pharmaceutical community and patient care on Guam
5 through their ongoing efforts to advance the practice of pharmacy, promote public
6 health, and ensure that pharmacists and pharmacy technicians are well-equipped to
7 meet the healthcare needs of the island's residents; and

8 **WHEREAS**, October is recognized nationally as American Pharmacists'
9 Month, a time to honor the important role that pharmacists play in the healthcare
10 system by educating patients about the safe and effective use of medications,
11 providing immunizations, and offering healthcare services that improve the quality of
12 life for millions of Americans; and

13 **WHEREAS**, National Pharmacy Week, observed from October 20 to 26, 2024,
14 is dedicated to raising awareness of the valuable contributions pharmacists and
15 pharmacy technicians make to patient care in hospitals, outpatient clinics, and
16 pharmacies throughout the nation, ensuring that patients receive safe and effective
17 treatments; and

18 **WHEREAS**, I Liheslaturan Guåhan recognizes the significance of pharmacy as
19 a profession, declaring that the practice of pharmacy is “*a professional practice*
20 *affecting public health, safety, and welfare, and is subject to regulation and control in*
21 *the public interest to ensure that only qualified persons engage in the practice of*
22 *pharmacy, and to safeguard the quality of drugs and related devices distributed on*
23 *Guam,*” (10 GCA § 12602); and

24 **WHEREAS**, I Liheslaturan Guåhan remains committed to enacting laws and
25 policies necessary to protect the health, safety, and general well-being of the people of
26 Guam, recognizing the essential contributions of pharmacists in this endeavor; and now
27 therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
2 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the Guam Pharmacists
3 Association (GPhA) for its dedication to advancing the practice of pharmacy, promoting
4 public health and wellness, ensuring access to pharmaceutical care for the people of
5 Guam; and to congratulate GPhA on its 2024 Annual Gala, and recognizing October
6 2024 as “American Pharmacists' Month” and October 20 to 26, 2024 as “National
7 Pharmacy Week”; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
9 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam
10 Pharmacists Association and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I*
11 *Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.