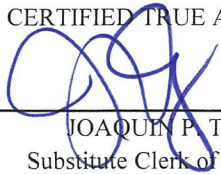


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**VOTING RECORD**

Resolution No. 215-37 (COR)	Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall Guam Congress Building October 12, 2023					
NAME	Aye	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Senator Chris Barnett	✓					
Senator Frank Blas, Jr.	✓					
Senator Joanne Brown	✓					
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas	✓					
Senator Thomas J. Fisher	✓					
Senator Jesse A. Lujan	✓					
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes					✓	✓
Senator William A. Parkinson		✓				
Senator Sabina Flores Perez					✓	✓
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata		✓				
Senator Joe S. San Agustin		✓				
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas					✓	✓
Senator Amanda L. Shelton					✓	✓
Senator Telo T. Taitague	✓					
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje	✓					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Not Voting/ Abstained</b>	<b>Out During Roll Call</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Excused</b>

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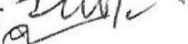

JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE  
 Substitute Clerk of the Legislature

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Introduced by:

Frank F. Blas Jr.   
Telo T. Taitague   
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Christopher M. Duenas   
Thomas J. Fisher   
Jesse A. Lujan 

**RELATIVE TO URGENTLY AND STEADFASTLY  
REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM TO  
ACKNOWLEDGE THE DIRE AND DECREPIT  
CONDITIONS THAT EXIST AT THE GUAM  
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND TO DECLARE A STATE  
OF EXTREME EMERGENCY TO ADDRESS THE  
UNSAFE, UNHEALTHY, UNSANITARY, AND  
FINANCIALLY CHALLENGING CONDITIONS THAT  
EXIST THERE.**

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) is a critical and vital  
4 public resource which must be a priority and receive ongoing adequate funding and  
5 attention. At no point should GMH lack critical medication and supplies because  
6 funding or support is not provided by the Administration. GMH is the last line of  
7 life-saving defense for tens of thousands of Guamanians; and

8 **WHEREAS,** GMH has been operating unaccredited since 2018,  
9 compromising the delivery of quality, compassionate life-saving medical care for

1 the island's sick and dying, and threatening the hospital's ability to meet the  
2 minimum health and safety standards by the Social Security Act that is required of  
3 providers and suppliers participating in the Medicare and Medicaid programs; and

4 **WHEREAS**, meeting the basic standards set by the Centers for Medicare and  
5 Medicaid Services required for certification should be the utmost priority for  
6 Guam's leaders as more than One Billion Dollars (\$1,000,000,000) have been  
7 received through CARES Act, American Rescue Plan, and other federal financial  
8 resources that should have used for GMH facility rehabilitation and operations since  
9 2020; and

10 **WHEREAS**, through testimony into the public record provided in person and  
11 in writing to *I Liheslatura*, it has been revealed that GMH lacks the leadership and  
12 resources to procure and provide a steady supply of basic sanitation supplies for  
13 medical personnel to deliver dignified care for their patients; and

14 **WHEREAS**, on September 28, 2023, and in testimony provided by a  
15 certified critical care nurse working at GMH at an oversight hearing on the hospital,  
16 the nurse stated, "We regularly lack essential materials like linens and pillows,  
17 diabetic tube feeding formula, underpads for patients to poo and pee on, inner  
18 tracheostomy cannulas, wipes to clean patients, pre-filled epinephrine syringes for  
19 medical emergencies, and so many other things to add to this list." The nurse went  
20 on to state, "We didn't have wipes for months. As an alternative, we were told to use  
21 paper towels to clean and bathe our patients. To our embarrassment, patients'  
22 families witnessed this and have donated wipes because of the pitiful situation the  
23 hospital is in. It is sad and embarrassing and it is disgraceful that you have allowed  
24 this to be the standard of care for our people"; and

25 **WHEREAS**, in further testimony provided by GMH's Acting Chief Clinical  
26 Informatics Officer in the oversight hearing, it was stated, "one of the most alarming  
27 consequences of the hospital's financial struggles is the growing number of unpaid

1 vendors. As the hospital fails to meet its financial obligations, vendors supplying  
2 vital medical equipment, pharmaceuticals, and other essential supplies are left  
3 unpaid. This not only jeopardizes the hospital’s ability to operate efficiently but also  
4 puts patient care at risk. Urgent action is needed to address this issue and ensure the  
5 hospital can continue to procure necessary supplies.”; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the deplorable conditions of GMH have deteriorated below  
7 acceptable local, national, and international safety standards for both the patients  
8 seeking medical attention and the employees who provide life-saving treatment as  
9 attested to by practicing health care professionals; and

10 **WHEREAS**, during the September 28, 2023 oversight hearing, GMH’s Chief  
11 Financial Officer Yukari Hechanova and Acting Associate Administrator of Medical  
12 Services, Dr. Dustin Prins, stated for the record that GMH is currently under credit  
13 watch and credit hold with at least Sixty (60) vendors and is still not receiving critical  
14 medication needed for patients; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the 36<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature passed, and Governor Lou Leon  
16 Guerrero signed into law, legislation to fund and build a brand new hospital that was  
17 deemed urgent for Guam. However, the Governor believes that a greater priority  
18 should be placed in the construction of a medical complex that would include spaces  
19 for public and behavioral health services. While it is clearly understood that a multi-  
20 functioning facility is years away from becoming a reality, the need for a proper and  
21 adequately functioning hospital is now. So, for the immediate and medium term, the  
22 current GMH facility must be sufficiently funded and made an extreme priority by  
23 the elected leaders of our island. The people of Guam cannot wait for a medical  
24 complex. Addressing the issues and concerns of GMH needs to take precedence and  
25 action must be taken now; and

26 **WHEREAS**, *I Liheslatura* finds that through numerous testimonies, official  
27 reports, photographs, and constituent complaints, it is clear that the compromised

1 operations, dilapidated facilities, and substandard level of care of the Guam  
2 Memorial Hospital necessitates the need for immediate and decisive action to  
3 prevent the further deterioration and decomposition of our island's only public  
4 hospital; and

5         **WHEREAS,** *I Liheslatura* further finds that without a declaration of a state  
6 of emergency with immediate action and diligence from the GMH leadership and  
7 the Governor of Guam to correct the dysfunctional state of the Guam Memorial  
8 Hospital, it will necessitate the call for federal receivership to ensure that proper  
9 management, guidance, and support for GMH to begin the process needed to restore  
10 the hospital's ability to provide a deserving and acceptable level of health care for  
11 the people of Guam.

12 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT:**

13         **RESOLVED,** that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* urgently  
14 and steadfastly requests *I Maga'Hågan Guåhan* to declare an immediate state of  
15 emergency to address the rapidly deteriorating conditions at the Guam Memorial  
16 Hospital and to direct funding and resources to assist our hospital with its financial  
17 challenges, supply deficiencies, and structural rehabilitation and repairs; and be it  
18 further

19         **RESOLVED,** that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest  
20 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to the Honorable  
21 Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'Hågan Guåhan*, to the Honorable Joshua F.  
22 Tenorio, *I Segundo Na Maga'Lahen Guåhan*, and to the board members of the Guam  
23 Memorial Hospital Authority.

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