

***I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2009 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 118 (LS)**

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Relative to recognizing and commending all individuals in the nursing profession for their contributions during the celebration of the Guam Nurses Association's Fifty-eighth (58th) Anniversary, and the annual observance of "Nurses Month" in May, with this year's theme: "Nurses Building A Healthy America Starting on Guam".

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

3        **WHEREAS, the two million nine hundred thousand (2,900,000)**

1 registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health  
2 care profession. On Guam, the Guam Board of Nurse Examiners has issued  
3 licenses to seven hundred twenty-two (722) Registered Nurses and one  
4 hundred thirty-seven (137) Licensed Practical Nurses, thus making the  
5 nursing profession the largest health care provider on Guam; and

6       **WHEREAS**, nursing encompasses a broad range of careers, including,  
7 certified nursing assistants, licensed practical nurses, registered nurses and  
8 nurse practitioners. Nursing includes responsibilities such as: paperwork;  
9 patient assistance such as, toileting, bathing and dressing; life-saving acts in  
10 emergency situations; and diagnosing and treating patients. Nursing is a  
11 high-stress, demanding career and many hospitals are short-staffed thereby  
12 creating much more work for each nurse. Nevertheless, these special men  
13 and women rise to the challenge; and

14       **WHEREAS**, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession  
15 grows in response to the different and emerging health care needs of the  
16 people of Guam; and

17       **WHEREAS**, the Guam Nurses Association, as the voice for registered  
18 nurses on Guam, is working to chart new courses for a healthy island  
19 community that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventive  
20 health care. A renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will  
21 require the better utilization of all our island's registered nursing resources;  
22 and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Nurses Association, as the representative unit of  
2 professional registered nurses, has demonstrated to be an indispensable  
3 component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the demand for registered nurses will be greater than ever  
5 because of the aging population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining  
6 technology, and the explosive growth of home care services. More qualified  
7 registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasing needs of  
8 the health care consumers; and

9           **WHEREAS**, nurses provide direct care, assessment, intervention,  
10 education, and emotional/spiritual support to their clients, families and those  
11 they love, thus the cost-effective, safe and quality health care services  
12 provided by registered nurses will continue to be an important component of  
13 the health care delivery system in the future; and

14           **WHEREAS**, the commitment of nurses to provide beyond their calling  
15 and make significant contributions towards healing their clients, families, and  
16 those they love is a standard of care inherent in the profession; and

17           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Nurses Association, the only professional nurses  
18 association for all registered nurses on Guam, will celebrate its 58<sup>th</sup>  
19 anniversary in conjunction with its annual nurses' month celebration from  
20 May 1 to May 31, 2009 with this year's theme: "*Nurses Building A Healthy*  
21 *America Starting on Guam*"; and

1           **WHEREAS**, various activities were coordinated throughout the month  
2 of May 2009 to commemorate the event, including, Nurses Mass, a 5K Fun  
3 Run/Walk, a nursing conference, and the nurses’ banquet/awards and  
4 recognition for the “Nurse of the Year” at Westin Resort Guam; now,  
5 therefore, be it

6           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
7 behalf of and the people of Guam, honor the officers and members of the  
8 Guam Nurses Association, and all the professional nurses and nursing  
9 practitioners for their tireless commitment to the improvement of health care  
10 on Guam; and be it further

11           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary  
12 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter  
13 transmitted to Ms. Maria I. Salomon, President of the Guam Nurses  
14 Association and Head, Department of Nursing, School of Nursing, Social  
15 Work and Health Services, University of Guam; to Ms. Jennifer Cruz, Hospital  
16 Nursing Services Administrator, Guam Memorial Hospital Authority; to Ms.  
17 Luise Foster, Department of Nursing Program and Allied Health, Guam  
18 Community College; to Ms. Margarita Gay, Administrator, Bureau of Family  
19 Health Care and Nursing Services, Department of Public Health and Social  
20 Services; to Dr. Judith Avery, Psychiatric Nurse Administrator, Department of  
21 Mental Health and Substance Abuse; to Louis Santos, Chairperson of the 2009  
22 Annual Nurses Celebration, Guam Nurses Association; to Ms. Glynis

- 1 Almonte, Executive Director, Guam Nurses Association; to the Honorable
- 2 Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives;
- 3 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2009.**



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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D**  
Speaker



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**TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary