

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2005 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 10**

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**Relative to observing March 31, 2005 as "Doctors' Day" and to commending the medical staff of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority and all licensed physicians on Guam for their dedication and endeavors in ensuring that the people of Guam are afforded the best health care possible.**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**  
2        ***MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3        **WHEREAS, "Doctors' Day" was established in commemoration of the**  
4        **memorable day in 1842, when Dr. Crawford W. Long discovered and utilized**  
5        **Ether to anesthetize patients, making him the first doctor to perform painless**  
6        **surgery; and**

1           **WHEREAS**, “Doctors’ Day” is celebrated nationwide and is a day on  
2 which physicians are recognized and honored for the profound role that they  
3 play in the well-being of their patients; and

4           **WHEREAS**, seventy (70) years ago, “Doctors’ Day” was established on  
5 Guam in observance of physicians who have devoted their lives to the health  
6 and well-being of our Island community; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Guam saw its first *Chamorro* civilian doctor, Ramon  
8 Manalisay Sablan, who through his efforts, and others, laid the path to  
9 promote the profession of medicine on our Island; and

10           **WHEREAS**, in an effort to improve patient care on Guam, the doctors at  
11 the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) assiduously seek to  
12 upgrade their skills and enhance their knowledge of the advances made in  
13 medical science and technology; and

14           **WHEREAS**, in their concern with the delivery of health care services to  
15 the people of Guam, GMHA doctors partake in discussions and participate in  
16 the development of health policy issues by serving as members on various  
17 organizations including the Guam Medical Society, Guam Licensing Boards,  
18 Community Task Forces, and Blue Ribbon Committees; and

19           **WHEREAS**, representing twenty-nine (29) specialties and  
20 subspecialties, the one hundred sixty-five (165) doctors of the GMHA spend  
21 countless, uncompensated hours in multidisciplinary departmental and  
22 committee meetings in order to assist the Hospital in attaining accreditation;  
23 and

1           **WHEREAS**, the physicians of the GMHA also actively work to shape  
2 public policy, perform volunteer work and are committed to various forms of  
3 community service; and

4           **WHEREAS**, in an effort to enhance patient care services, the medical  
5 staff of the GMHA have been instrumental in the implementation of quality  
6 assurance and improvement plans at the Hospital, thus, providing clinical  
7 direction and leadership; and

8           **WHEREAS**, physician directors, medical staff officers and the  
9 departmental and committee Chairpersons of the GMHA have contributed to  
10 the ongoing efforts to improve the availability of medical care to those living  
11 throughout Micronesia; and

12           **WHEREAS**, in deference to the myriad contributions made to the  
13 health, welfare and betterment of our Island community by physicians,  
14 recognition and commendation are in order; now, therefore, be it

15           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*  
16 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
17 people of Guam, recognize March 31, 2005 as "Doctors' Day", and does  
18 commend the medical staff of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority and all  
19 licensed physicians on Guam for their dedication and endeavors in ensuring  
20 that the people of Guam are afforded the best health care possible; and be it  
21 further

22           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
23 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
24 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Vince

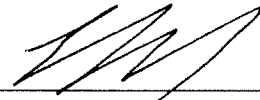
- 1 Akimoto, MD, President, Guam Medical Society; to Bevan Geslani, MD,
- 2 President, GMHA Medical Staff; to William I. McMillan, MBA, CHE, Hospital
- 3 Administrator/CEO; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'laha*
- 4 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF FEBRUARY 2005.**



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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker and  
Chairman, Executive Committee



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**EDWARD J.B. CALVO**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature