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Executive Committee Resolution No. 140

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Relative to acknowledging March 31, 2006 as "Doctors' Day" and further recognizing the medical staff of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority and all licensed physicians on Guam for their efforts to ensure that the people of Guam receive the best health care possible.

- BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I
- 2 MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:
- 3 WHEREAS, the first "Doctors' Day" was held on March 30, 1933 by the
- 4 Barrow County Alliance in Winder, Georgia; and

1	WHEREAS, the idea of setting aside a day to honor physicians was
2	conceived by Eudora Brown Almond, wife of Dr. Charles B. Almond; and
3	WHEREAS, "Doctors' Day" was established in commemoration of the
4	first administration of ether anesthesia by Dr. Crawford W. Long in 1842; and
5	WHEREAS, "Doctors' Day" is celebrated nationwide and is a day when
6	physicians are recognized and honored for the profound role they perform in
7	the well-being of their patients; and
8	WHEREAS, seventy-one (71) years ago, "Doctors' Day" was established
9	on Guam in observance of physicians who have devoted their lives to the
10	health and well-being of our Island community; and
11	WHEREAS, in an effort to improve patient care on Guam, the doctors at
12	the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) assiduously upgrade their
13	skills and enhance their knowledge of the advances made in medical science
14	and technology; and
15	WHEREAS, representing twenty-nine (29) specialties and
16	subspecialties, the one hundred sixty-two (162) doctors of the GMHA spend
17	countless hours in multi-disciplinary departmental and committee meetings
18	in order to assist the Hospital in attaining accreditation; and
19	WHEREAS, in an effort to enhance patient care services, the medical
20	staff of the GMHA has been instrumental in the implementation of quality
21	assurance and improvement plans at the Hospital, thus providing clinical
22	direction and leadership; and
23	WHEREAS, society owes a debt of gratitude to physicians for enlarging
24	the reservoir of scientific knowledge, increasing the number of scientific tools

1 and expanding the ability of health professionals to use the knowledge and

2 tools effectively, in the name of medicine; and

WHEREAS, society owes a debt of gratitude to physicians for ministering to the sick and alleviating human suffering; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, acknowledge March 31, 2006 as "Doctors' Day" in recognition of the contributions of all licensed physicians on Guam to ensure that the people of Guam receive the best health care possible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize the professionalism of the medical staff of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority and all licensed physicians on Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Geoffrey P. Galgo, M.D., President, Guam Medical Society; to Thomas Shieh, M.D., FACOG, President, GMHA Medical Staff; to Peter John Camacho, Hospital Administrator, GMHA; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'låhen*

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DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 3RD DAY OF MARCH 2006.

MARK FORBES

Speaker and

Chairman, Executive Committee

EDWARD J.B. CALVO

Senator and

Secretary of the Legislature