## I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2006 (SECOND) Regular Session

**Executive Committee Resolution No. 168** 

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Relative to recognizing and commending School Health Counselors also known as "School Nurses" and their contributions to the well-being, academic success and lifelong achievements of students on Guam and to congratulate them on "National School Nurse Day".

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I

## 2 MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

- 3 **WHEREAS**, there are more than fifty (50) highly skilled School Health
- 4 Counselors practicing throughout the public, private, early intervention, and
- 5 DODEA schools on Guam who are instrumental in assuring that all students
- 6 are healthy and able to benefit optimally from their education programs; and

1 WHEREAS, School Health Counselors, who are Registered Nurses, 2 actively collaborate with others to build students' and families capacity for 3 adoption, self management, self advocacy, and lifelong learning; and 4 WHEREAS, School Health Counselors identify, refer and counsel students with physical and mental health needs, provide care for students 5 who need complex nursing procedures and services, and serve as the medical 6 and public health resource in the school setting; and 7 8 WHEREAS, School Health Counselors collaborate with staff from their respective schools to provide comprehensive care for students; and 9 10 WHEREAS, School Health Counselors provide the critical link between the education system, students, families, community, and medical care; and 11 12 WHEREAS, School Health Counselors play a vital role in responding to 13 student and staff crises and emergencies and are members of intervention and 14 referral teams that assist students in achieving their full academic potential; 15 and WHEREAS, School Health Counselors will join their counterparts 16 17 nationally on May 10th, 2006, in celebrating "National School Nurse Day"; 18 now, therefore, be it 19 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the 20 people of Guam, recognize the contributions of School Health Counselors also 21 known as "School Nurses" on Guam as essential participants in the future 22 success of our island students and does congratulate them on "National 23

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School Nurse Day"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive 1 2 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption 3 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam 4 Public School System; to the Guam Nurses Association; to the Commission on 5 Nurse Leaders; to the Department of Public Health & Social Services; to the 6 Guam Memorial Hospital; to the Department of Mental Health & Substance 7 Abuse; to the Department of Youth Affairs; to the University of Guam; to the 8 Guam Community College; to Sanctuary, Inc.; to the Department of Defense 9 Education Activity; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan. 10

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 5TH DAY OF MAY 2006.

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Speaker and

Chairman, Executive Committee

EDWARD J.B. CALVO

Senator and

Secretary of the Legislature