

MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 85

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Relative to recognizing October 26, 2005 as "Professional Support Day" and further commending the Professional Support Division of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority for its hard work and dedication in ensuring the people of Guam are accorded the best healthcare possible.

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

3 WHEREAS, the Professional Support Division of the Guam
4 Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) is comprised of nine (9)
5 departments that include: Rehabilitative Services (Physical Therapy,

1 Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Recreational Therapy and Cardiac
2 Rehabilitation), Radiology (Mammography), Dietary (Food Care Facilities),
3 Respiratory Care, Pastoral Care, Pharmacy, Education, Laboratory, and
4 Social Services; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Rehabilitative Services is comprised of Physical
6 Therapists, Assistants and Aides, Occupational Therapists, Assistants and
7 Aides, Speech-Language Pathologists, Recreational Therapists and Aides,
8 and Cardiac Rehabilitation Specialists, who provide services that help
9 restore function, improve mobility, relieve pain, and treat permanent
10 physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities suffered by people of all ages
11 whose lives have been affected by physical injury or illness, developmental
12 delays, or the aging process; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Mammography is the only proven method to reliably
14 detect tumors and show changes in the breast up to two (2) years before
15 women may actually feel or suspect any changes, which ultimately
16 contributes to the prevention and elimination of cancer and other infectious
17 diseases that may occur in the breast; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Dieticians (in the Food Care Facilities) plan food and
19 nutrition programs, supervise the preparation and serving of meals, and
20 also help prevent and treat illnesses by promoting healthy eating habits
21 and recommending dietary modifications; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Respiratory Therapy Department provides quality
23 care to patients of all ages by treating all respiratory problems, including
24 activities involving diagnosis, therapeutics, administration, and education.
25 Therapy may include aerosolized breathing treatments, ventilator

1 management, oxygen therapy and postural drainage to help clear the
2 lungs; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Respiratory Department provides diagnostic testing
4 to patients, and its therapists also educate the patients and their families
5 about the treatment of respiratory problems and preventive care; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Pastoral Care Department centers on the presence of
7 a Supreme Being, and the human dignity of the individual patient, family,
8 and staff in achieving holistic healing, and ministering to their spiritual
9 needs with respect, care, and compassion, being sensitive also to their
10 psychological, emotional, and social needs; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Pharmacists are licensed and well-educated individuals
12 who dispense drugs prescribed by physicians, advise physicians on the
13 selection of medicine, and monitor the health and progress of patients in
14 response to drug therapy; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Education Department coordinates continuing
16 education for all staff of the hospital and the medical community, including
17 physicians, nurses, and allied health professionals, to ensure the highest
18 quality of competency and knowledge in providing patient care services;
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, Medical Laboratory Science has advanced laboratory
21 professionals who are indispensable members of the healthcare team
22 involved in medical diagnosis, management, surveillance and research;
23 and

1 **WHEREAS**, Medical Laboratory professionals have made significant
2 contributions to the improvement of our island’s healthcare and living
3 standards; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Social Services provides discharge planning to acute
5 inpatients, networking and collaborating with agencies and community
6 services, crisis intervention, and addresses the medical and financial needs
7 of its clients to insure the continuity of healthcare; and

8 **WHEREAS**, each of the aforementioned departments equally
9 contributes to meeting the needs of GMH patients, while attempting to
10 make their hospital experience as pleasant and bearable as possible; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Ocho Na*
13 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the
14 people of Guam, recognize October 26, 2005 as “Professional Support
15 Day”; and be it further

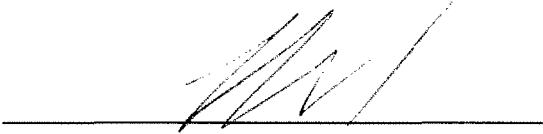
16 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Ocho Na*
17 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the
18 people of Guam, commend and extend its appreciation to the Professional
19 Support Division of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority for its many
20 years of service and dedication to the people of Guam; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
22 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the
23 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
24 the Professional Support Division of the Guam Memorial Hospital
25 Authority; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’låhen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005.



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



EDWARD J.B CALVO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature