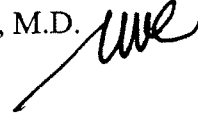


MINA BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN  
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EC Resolution No. 10

Introduced by:

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**Relative to observing March 25, 2005 as “Doctor’s 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

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

5 **WHEREAS**, “Doctors’ Day” is celebrated nationwide and is a day in which  
6 physicians are recognized and honored for the profound role that they perform in the well-  
7 being of their patients; and

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

11 **WHEREAS**, Guam saw its first Chamorro civilian doctor, Mr. Ramon Manalisay  
12 Sablan, who through his efforts, and others, laid the path to promote the profession of  
13 medicine on our Island; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chair of the Executive Committee certify,  
20 and the Legislative Secretary attests to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same  
21 be thereafter transmitted to Vince Akimoto, MD, President, Guam Medical Society; to  
22 Bevan Geslani, MD, President, GMHA Medical Staff; to William I. McMillan, MBA,  
23 CHE, Hospital Administrator/CEO; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*  
24 *Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

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