




MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 140 ()

Introduced by:

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

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the first "Doctor's Day" was held on March 30, 1933 by the
4 Barrow County Alliance in Winder, Georgia; and

5 **WHEREAS,** the idea of setting aside a day to honor physicians was
6 conceived by Eudora Brown Almond, wife of Dr. Charles B. Almond; and

7 **WHEREAS,** "Doctors' Day" was established in commemoration of the
8 first administration of ether anesthesia by Dr. Crawford W. Long in 1842; and

9 **WHEREAS,** "Doctors' Day" is celebrated nationwide and is a day in
10 which physicians are recognized and honored for the profound role that they
11 perform in the well-being of their patients; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, seventy-one (71) years ago, “Doctors’ Day” was established
2 on Guam in observance of physicians who have devoted their lives to the health
3 and well-being of our Island community; and

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

8 **WHEREAS**, representing twenty-nine (29) specialties and subspecialties,
9 the one hundred sixty-two (162) doctors of the GMHA spend countless hours in
10 multidisciplinary departmental and committee meetings in order to assist the
11 Hospital in attaining accreditation; and

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

16 **WHEREAS**, society owes a debt of gratitude to physicians for their
17 contributions in enlarging the reservoir of scientific knowledge, increasing the
18 number of scientific tools and expanding the ability of health professionals to
19 use the knowledge and tools effectively, in the name of medicine; and

20 **WHEREAS**, society owes a debt of gratitude to physicians for the
21 sympathy and compassion of physicians in ministering to the sick and in
22 alleviating human suffering; now therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina' Bente Ocho na*
2 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the
3 people of Guam, acknowledge March 31, 2006 as "Doctor's Day" in recognition
4 of the contributions of all licensed physicians on Guam in ensuring that the
5 people of Guam receive the best health care possible; and be it further

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

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
12 Committee certify, and the Legislative Secretary attests to, the adoption hereof,
13 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Geoffrey P. Galgo, M.D.,
14 President, Guam Medical Society; to Thomas Shieh, M.D., FACOG, President,
15 GMHA Medical Staff; to Peter John Camacho, Hospital Administrator, GMHA;
16 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 _____ DAY OF _____, 2006.**

MARK FORBES
Speaker

EDWARD J.B CALVO
Secretary of the Legislature