

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

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 168

Introduced by:

Mark Forbes

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

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN*

2 *GUAHAN:*

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

8 WHEREAS, School Health Counselors, who are Registered
9 Nurses, actively collaborate with others to build students' and

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1 family capacity for adoption, self management, self advocacy, and
2 lifelong learning; and

3 WHEREAS, School Health Counselors identify, refer and
4 counsel students with physical and mental health needs, providing
5 care for students who need complex nursing procedures and
6 services, and serve as the medical and public health resource in the
7 school setting; and

8 WHEREAS, School Health Counselors collaborate with staff
9 from their respective schools to provide continuity and
10 comprehensive care for students; and

11 WHEREAS, School Health Counselors provide the critical
12 link between the education system, students, families, community,
13 and medical care; and

14 WHEREAS, School Health Counselors play a vital role in
15 responding to student and staff crises and emergencies and are
16 members of intervention and referral teams to assist students in
17 achieving their full academic potential; and

18 WHEREAS, School Health Counselors will join their
19 counterparts nationally on May 10th, 2006, in celebrating "National
20 School Nurse Day"; now, therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente***
2 ***Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people**
3 **of Guam, recognize the contributions of School Health Counselors**
4 **on Guam as essential participants in the future success of our**
5 **island students and does congratulate them on “National School**
6 **Nurse Day”; and be it further**

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

18 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE**
19 **COMMITTEE OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN**
20 **GUÅHAN ON THE 10TH DAY OF MAY 2006.**

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2 MARK FORBES
3 Speaker
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EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Secretary of the Legislature