

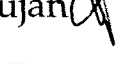


I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 37

Introduced by:

Mike Cruz 
Mark Forbes 
Jesse A. Lujan 

Relative to expressing deep appreciation and gratitude to the medical professionals from the Valley Heart Associates and the Medical Relief Foundation of Modesto, California, during the period of May 1-15, 2005, to provide free open-heart surgery to the medically indigent and critically ill heart patients at the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH); and to all our local government agencies and businesses who participated toward the success of this endeavor, as the start of a comprehensive, high quality cardiac program, hereinafter called the Guam Heart Project.

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

3 WHEREAS, the Guam Heart Project mission, as presented to Guam by
4 Noel L. Concepcion, MD, FACS, is to start and maintain a comprehensive,
5 high quality cardiac program at the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) that
6 includes cardiac catheterizations, coronary angioplasties and stenting, and
7 cardiac surgery, to serve the people of Guam and the surrounding islands of
8 Micronesia; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, currently, all residents of Guam and Micronesia go to “off-
2 island” facilities if they need evaluation and treatment of their cardiac
3 programs; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Heart Project is a concerted effort, by all participating
5 entities both local and off-island, to change the current situation and start the difficult
6 and expensive task to establishing and maintaining a heart program on Guam; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Valley Heart Associates and the Medical Relief Foundation of
8 Modesto, California are the main sponsors of this medical mission to Guam; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the success of the Guam Heart Project can also be attributed to
10 local support and participation from Continental Airlines; the Guam Hotel &
11 Restaurant Association and participating hotels: Pacific Islands Club, Guam Hotel
12 Okura, Hilton Guam Resort & Spa, Hyatt Regency Guam, Guam Marriott Resort &
13 Spa, Alupang Beach Towers, Westin Resort Guam, and the Palace Hotel Guam; the
14 Bank of Guam; Mr. Ken Jones and J&G Enterprises; Perez Brothers, Inc.; Horizon
15 Lines; the Estate of Carmen D. Perez; Hanson Permanente Cement Company; Quality
16 Distributors; Payless Markets; and Cars Plus; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Graham Pierce, President of the Medical Relief Foundation of
18 Modesto; and Tim Joslin, CEO of the Doctor’s Clinic in Modesto, California, are
19 acknowledged for their efforts in this mission, which will also donate valuable
20 medical equipment, as well as products from national companies like Edwards
21 Corporation, Baxter, Guidant, Medtronic and J.M. Keckler Medical Company, Inc., to
22 the Guam Memorial Hospital; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the “Heart Team” consist of Health Care professionals
24 (doctors, nurses and technicians), namely, Cardiac Surgeons Noel
25 Concepcion, MD, FACS, and James C. MacMillan, MD, FACC, FACS;
26 Cardiologists John C. Merillat, MD, FACC and Alan A. Garvin, MD, FACC,

1 FACP; Cardiac Anesthesiologist Steve Thorup, MD; Cardiac Perfusionist John
2 Mitchell, CCP; Intensive Care Registered Nurses Maree Glynn, Peggy Massey,
3 Mike Higuera and Amy Villaroya; Operating Room Registered Nurses Bea
4 Concepcion and Susie Kang; Intensive Care Unit Registered Nurses Joan
5 Lewis and Dawn Gallagher; Cardiac Surgery Physician Assistant William
6 Gadea, PAC; X-Ray Technologist Frances Calzadillas; and X-Ray Engineer Bill
7 Newsom; who will perform heart surgery for up to ten critically ill patients at
8 the Guam Memorial Hospital; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the mission's doctors worked in conjunction with island
10 doctors, in particular, Bevan A. Geslani, MD, FACP; Jean Yacoub, MD, FACC;
11 and Byungsoo Kim, MD, FACC; and the Department of Public Health's
12 Medically Indigent Program on referrals and evaluation of candidates based
13 on the severity of the patient's condition and the need for open heart surgery ;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
16 on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam commend and
17 express deep gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Noel Concepcion and the
18 medical mission team from the Valley Heart Associates and the Medical Relief
19 Foundation of Modesto, California; and be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* commends the Guam Memorial
21 Hospital Authority and the Department of Public Health's Medically Indigent
22 Program for their participation in this project; and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* also extend a sincere Dangkulo
24 Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase' to all of our local businesses and organizations who
25 participated toward the success of this Guam Heart Project, namely,

1 Continental Airlines; the Guam Hotel & Restaurant Association and
2 participating hotels Pacific Islands Club, Guam Hotel Okura, Hilton Guam
3 Resort & Spa, Hyatt Regency Guam, Guam Marriott Resort & Spa, Alupang
4 Beach Towers, Westin Resort Guam, and the Palace Hotel Guam; the Bank of
5 Guam, Mr. Ken Jones and J&G Enterprises, Perez Brothers, Inc., Horizon
6 Lines, the Estate of Carmen D. Perez, Hanson Permanente Cement Company,
7 Quality Distributors, Payless Markets, and Cars Plus; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and Chairman of the Executive
9 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
10 hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to all the
11 participants of the Guam Heart Project, namely, Noel Concepcion, MD, FACS,
12 and James C. MacMillan, MD, FACC, FACS; Cardiologists John C. Merillat,
13 MD, FACC and Alan A. Garvin, MD, FACC, FACP; Cardiac Anesthesiologist
14 Steve Thorup, MD; Cardiac Perfusionist John Mitchell, CCP; Intensive Care
15 Registered Nurses Maree Glynn, Peggy Massey, Mike Higuera and Amy
16 Villaroya; Operating Room Registered Nurses Bea Concepcion and Susie
17 Kang; Intensive Care Unit Registered Nurses Joan Lewis and Dawn Gallagher;
18 Cardiac Surgery Physician Assistant William Gadea, PAC; X-Ray Technologist
19 Frances Calzadillas; and X-Ray Engineer Bill Newsom; Valley Heart
20 Associates of Modesto, California; Graham Pierce, President, Medical Relief
21 Foundation of Modesto, California; Tim Joslin, CEO, Doctor's Clinic, Modesto,
22 CA; Continental Airlines; Cars Plus; Mr. David Tydingco, President, Guam
23 Hotel and Restaurant Association; Pacific Islands Club; Guam Hotel Okura;
24 Hilton Guam Resort & Spa; Hyatt Regency Guam; Guam Marriott Resort &
25 Spa; Alupang Beach Towers; Westin Resort Guam; Palace Hotel Guam; Mr.

1 Art San Agustin, Acting Director, Department of Public Health & Social
2 Services Medically Indigent Program; Bevan A. Geslani, MD, FACP; Jean
3 Yacoub, MD, FACC; Byungsoo Kim, MD, FACC; Mr. Peter John Camacho,
4 Acting Administrator, Guam Memorial Hospital Authority; Mr. Phillip J.
5 Flores, Chairman, GMHA Board of Trustees, and to the Honorable Felix P.
6 Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE ____
DAY OF MAY 2005.**

MARK FORBES
Speaker

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature