

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 85 (EE)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing October 14, 2005 as "Professional Support Day" and further commending the Professional Support Division of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority for all their hard work and dedication in ensuring the people of Guam be accorded the utmost 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,  
6 Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Recreational Therapy and Cardiac  
7 Rehabilitation), Radiology (Mammography), Dietary (Food Care Facilities),  
8 Respiratory Care, Pastoral Care, Pharmacy, Education, Laboratory, and  
9 Social Services; and

10           **WHEREAS,** Rehabilitative Services is comprised of Physical  
11 Therapists, Assistants and Aides, Occupational Therapists, Assistants and  
12 Aides, Speech-Language Pathologists, Recreational Therapists and Aides,  
13 and Cardiac rehabilitation Specialists, who provide services that help  
14 restore function, improve mobility, relieve pain, and treat permanent



1 physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities to people of all ages whose  
2 lives have been affected by physical injury or illness, developmental  
3 delays, or by the aging process; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Mammography has been the only proven method to  
5 reliably detect tumors and show changes in the breast up to two (2) years  
6 before women may actually feel or suspect any changes, which ultimately  
7 contributes to the prevention and elimination of cancer or any other  
8 infectious disease that may occur in the breast; and

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

13 **WHEREAS**, the Respiratory Therapy Department provides quality  
14 care to patients of all ages by treating all respiratory problems, including  
15 activities involving diagnosis, therapeutics, administration, and education.  
16 Therapy may include aerosolized breathing treatments, ventilator  
17 management, oxygen therapy and postural drainage to help clear the  
18 lungs; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Respiratory Department provides diagnostic testing  
20 to patients, while therapists are also involved in educating the patients and  
21 their families about the treatment of respiratory problems and preventive  
22 care; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Pastoral Care Department centers on the presence of  
24 a Supreme Being, and the human dignity of the individual patient, family,  
25 and staff in achieving holistic healing, and ministering to their spiritual

1 needs with respect, care, and compassion, being sensitive also to their  
2 psychological, emotional, and social needs; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Pharmacists are licensed and well-educated individuals  
4 who carry the task of dispensing drugs prescribed by physicians, while  
5 also advising physicians on the selection of medicine, and then monitoring  
6 the health and progress of patients in response to their drug therapy; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Education Department is responsible for  
8 coordinating continuing education to all staff of the hospital and the  
9 medical community, including physicians, nurses, and allied health  
10 professionals to ensure the highest quality of competency and knowledge  
11 in providing patient care services; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Medical Laboratory Science has advanced laboratory  
13 professionals to become indispensable members of the healthcare team  
14 involved in medical diagnosis, management, surveillance and research;  
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, Medical Laboratory professionals have made significant  
17 contributions to the improvement of our island's healthcare and living  
18 standards; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Social Services provides discharge planning to acute  
20 inpatients, networking and collaborating with agencies and community  
21 services, providing crisis intervention, and addressing the medical and  
22 financial needs of its clients to assume high quality and continuity of  
23 healthcare; and

24 **WHEREAS**, each of the aforementioned departments equally  
25 contribute to meeting the needs of their patients, while attempting to make

1 their hospital experience as pleasant and bearable as possible; now  
2 therefore be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina' Bente Ocho na*  
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
5 people of Guam, recognize October 14, 2005 as "Professional Support  
6 Day"; and be it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina' Bente Ocho na*  
8 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
9 people of Guam, commend and extend its appreciation to the Professional  
10 Support Division of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority for its many  
11 years of service and dedication to the people of Guam; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Secretary of the  
13 Legislature attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be  
14 thereafter transmitted to the Professional Support Division of the Guam  
15 Memorial Hospital Authority; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*  
16 *Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

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

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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker

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**EDWARD J.B CALVO**  
Secretary of the Legislature