

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 178

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Relative to declaring May 4 to 12, 2008, as Guam Nurses Week with the theme “*Nursing: Making A Difference Every Day*” in recognition of the contributions of individuals in the nursing profession.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the two million and nine hundred thousand registered
4 nurses in the United States comprise our nation’s largest health care
5 profession. On Guam, the Guam Board of Nurses Examiners has issued

1 licenses to six hundred three (603) Registered Nurses and one hundred one
2 (101) Licensed Practical Nurses, thus making the nursing profession the
3 largest health care provider on Guam; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession
5 meets the different and emerging health care needs of the people of Guam;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Nurses Association, as the voice for registered
8 nurses on Guam, is working to chart new courses for a healthy island
9 community that relies in increasing delivery of primary and preventive health
10 care. A renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require
11 the better utilization of all our island's registered nursing resources; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Nurses Association, as the representative unit of
13 professional registered nurses, has demonstrated to be an indispensable
14 component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the demand for registered nurses will be greater than ever
16 because of the aging population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining
17 technology, and the explosive growth of home care services. More qualified
18 registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasing needs of
19 the health care consumers; and

20 **WHEREAS**, nurses provide direct care, assessment, intervention,
21 education, and emotional/spiritual support to their clients, families, and those
22 they love, thus the cost effective, safe, and quality health care services
23 provided by registered nurses will continue to be ever more important
24 component of the health care delivery system in the future; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the commitment of nurses to provide beyond their calling
2 and make significant contributions towards healing their clients, families, and
3 those they love is a standard of care inherent in the profession of nursing; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the American Nurses Association has declared May 6 to 12,
5 2008, as National Nurses Week with the theme *“Nursing: Making a Difference*
6 *Every Day”*, in celebration of registered nurses who strive to provide safe and
7 high quality patient/client care. The Guam Nurses Association, a constituent
8 member of the American Nurses Association, has also declared May 4 to 12,
9 2008, as Guam Nurses Week; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
11 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan*, the people
12 of Guam, and the Guam Nurses Association, designate May 4 to 12, 2008, as **“Guam**
13 **Nurses Week”** with the theme *“Nursing: Making a Difference Every Day”*, in honor
14 of the individuals in the nursing profession and their contributions to healthcare on
15 Guam; and be it further that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Lihselaturan Guåhan* does
16 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the Guam Nurses
17 Association, and all professional nurses for their tireless commitment to the
18 improvement of health care on Guam; and be it further

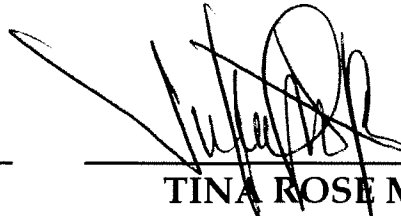
19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive
20 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
21 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Maria I.
22 Salomon, President, Guam Nurses Association and Head, Department of
23 Nursing, School of Nursing, Social Work and Health Services, University of
24 Guam; to Ms. Jennifer Cruz, RN, BSN, Hospital Nursing Services

1 Administrator, Guam Memorial Hospital Authority; to Ms. Lois Gage, RN,
2 BSN, Department of Nursing Program and Allied Health, Guam Community
3 College; to Ms. Margarita Gay, Administrator of Bureau of Family Health
4 Care and Nursing Services, Department of Public Health and Social Services;
5 to Dr. Judith Avery, Psychiatric Nurse Administrator, Department of Mental
6 Health and Substance Abuse; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo,
7 Member of Congress, U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable
8 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 14TH
DAY OF APRIL 2008.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker and
Chairperson, Executive Committee



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature