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

Introduced by:

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Relative to declaring May 4 – 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 I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**

2 **WHEREAS**, the 2.9 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our
3 nation’s largest health care profession. On Guam, the Guam Board of Nurses
4 Examiners has issued licenses to 603 Registered Nurses and 101 Licensed Practical
5 Nurses thus making the nursing profession the largest health care provider on Guam;
6 and

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

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

1 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Nurses Association representative of professional
2 registered nurses has demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and
3 quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

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

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

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

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

22 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Nuebi na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of
23 the people of Guam and in conjunction with the national declaration of the American
24 Nurses Association and the Guam Nurses Association hereby designates May 4 to 12,
25 2008 as “**Guam Nurses Week**” with the theme “*Nursing: Making a Difference*
26 *Every Day*”, in honor of the individuals in the nursing profession and their
27 contributions to healthcare on Guam; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the *I Mina'Bente Nuebo na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
2 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the Guam Nurses Association,
3 and all professional nurses for their tireless commitment to the improvement of health
4 care on Guam; and be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature
6 attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
7 Maria I. Salomon, President, Guam Nurses Association and Head, Department of
8 Nursing, School of Nursing, Social Work and Health Services, University of Guam; to
9 Jennifer Cruz, RN, BSN, Hospital Nursing Services Administrator, Guam Memorial
10 Hospital Authority; to Lois Gage, RN, BSN, Department of Nursing Program and
11 Allied Health, Guam Community College, to Margarita Gay, Administrator of Bureau
12 of Family Health Care and Nursing Services, Department of Public Health and Social
13 Services; to Dr. Judith Avery, Psychiatric Nurse Administrator, Department of Mental
14 Health and Substance Abuse; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of
15 Congress, U.S. House of Representatives and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
16 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.