


I MINA 'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2005 (First) REGULAR SESSION

Resolution No. 34 (EC)

Introduced by:

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**RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION OF MEDICAL SERVICES AT
THE GUAM VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMUNITY-
OUTBASED CLINIC (VACBOC) GUAM.**

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **WHEREAS**, more than 15,000 Veterans of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern
3 Marianas Islands, and the Freely Associated States of Micronesia are not receiving proper medical
4 care or timely medical treatment for service related conditions; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Veterans of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands,
6 and the Freely Associated States of Micronesia have served dutifully in the armed forces, many
7 times being put in harm's way, with some making the ultimate sacrifice, and are deserving of the
8 same level of services as their counterparts in American Samoa and those choosing to live abroad in
9 foreign countries who have access to a U.S.-sponsored Veterans Clinic; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the VA clinic is not staffed with the medical professionals necessary to treat
11 disabling conditions or to allow continuous preventative or rehabilitative care such as that provided
12 in the VA Clinic located in the Republic of the Philippines; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Veterans must have access to priority medical care commensurate to the
14 assigned priority levels as defined in Title 38 U.S.C., CFR; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Veterans should be allowed treatment on a fee basis treatment within thirty
16 (30) days of their request for treatment; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Veterans should be authorized to travel aboard military aircraft such as that
18 afforded to Veterans in American Samoa; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Guam does not have a Veterans Medical Center forcing all Veterans to seek
20 treatment at the VA Clinic co-located with the U.S. Naval Hospital, Guam; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, the Naval Hospital treats patients under Title 10, U.S.C. such as Active Duty,
2 dependents, and retired military personnel, but does not offer treatment to VA benefit recipients
3 under Title 38 U.S.C.; and

4 **WHEREAS**, there is no emergency medical facility for veterans who are non-military
5 retirees; and

6 **WHEREAS**, there is no written standard for those who are treated on an emergent basis, or
7 after the emergent period expires, who need follow-up care; now, therefore be it

8 **RESOLVED**, the solution for this problem on Guam would be to allow Veterans on Guam
9 to have the same services provided as are accessible at the VA Facility located in Manila,
10 Philippines; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, in cases of extensive medical care, Veterans should be allowed to travel to
12 Honolulu for treatment at its VA medical facilities, with the accompanying spouse allowed to travel
13 with the Veteran with an allowance for lodging and a per diem paid by the VA during the period of
14 treatment; and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*
16 does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam express its support for the extension of these services
17 to Veterans of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, and the Freely
18 Associated States of Micronesia; and be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee certify, and
20 the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
21 thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Jim Nicholson, Secretary, U.S. Department of Veterans
22 Affairs; to the Honorable Steven Buyer, Chairman Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of
23 Representatives; to the Honorable Larry Craig, Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S.
24 Senate; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member, U.S. House of Representative; to Mr.
25 Jesse Pangelinan, Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2917 Agat; to Mr. Donald McLaine
26 Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1509, Dededo; to Mr. Jack Shimizu, Commander,
27 Order of the Purple Heart; to Mr. William R. Flores, Commander, American Legion Post 1; to Mr.
28 John Finona, President, Vietnam Veterans Association, Chapter 668; and, to the Honorable Felix P.
29 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I
MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE __ DAY OF _____, 2005.**

MARK FORBES
Speaker

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