

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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**Relative to provision of medical services at the Guam
Veterans Affairs Community-based Outpatient Clinic
(VACBOC) Guam.**

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN**
2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, more than fifteen thousand (15,000) Veterans of Guam, the
4 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Freely Associated
5 States of Micronesia are not receiving proper medical care or timely medical
6 treatment for service-related conditions; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 **WHEREAS**, there is no emergency medical facility for Veterans who are
2 non-military retirees; and

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

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

9 **RESOLVED**, that until the VA Clinic to be constructed outside of the
10 U.S. Naval Hospital, Guam is operational, in cases of extensive medical care,
11 Veterans should be allowed to travel to Honolulu for treatment at its VA
12 medical facilities, with one (1) accompanying family member allowed to
13 travel with the Veteran, with an allowance for lodging and a per diem paid by
14 the VA during the period of treatment; and be it further

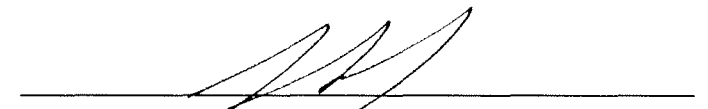
15 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
16 on behalf of the people of Guam, express its support for the extension of these
17 services to Veterans of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
18 Islands, and the Freely Associated States of Micronesia; and be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

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
20 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
21 thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Jim Nicholson, Secretary, U.S.
22 Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Honorable Steven Buyer, Chairman
23 Committee on Veterans Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives; to the
24 Honorable Larry Craig, Chairman, Committee on Veterans Affairs, U.S.

1 Senate; to the Honorable Lane Evans, Ranking Minority Member, Committee
2 on Veterans Affairs; to the Honorable Darrel Issa, Member, U.S. House of
3 Representatives; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member, U.S.
4 House of Representatives; to Mr. John Patao, Post Commander, Veterans of
5 Foreign Wars Post 2917, Agat; to Mr. Donald McLaine, Post Commander,
6 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1509, Dededo; to Mr. Jack Shimizu,
7 Commander, Order of the Purple Heart; to Mr. William A. Flores,
8 Commander, American Legion Mid-Pacific Post 1; to Mr. John Finona,
9 President, Vietnam Veterans Association, Chapter 668; and to the Honorable
10 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 20TH DAY OF MAY, 2005.**


MARK FORBES
Speaker


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