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Dear Speaker Cruz,

Buenas Yan Hafa Adai! Transmitted herewith for your information and file Resolution No. 2017-16-006 **"RELATIVE TO SUPPORTING THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY'S MODERNIZATION EFFORTS"** which was duly and regularly adopted by the Mayors' Council of Guam on Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

Thank you for your attention regarding this matter. If you should have any questions or comments relative to the above resolution, please do not hesitate to call me.

Senseramente,

ANGEL R. SABLAN
Executive Director

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CERTIFICATION OF THE ADOPTION OF A MAYORS' COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 2017-16-006 "RELATIVE TO SUPPORTING THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY'S MODERNIZATION EFFORTS" WAS ADOPTED ON THE 6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2017.

MAYOR DORIS F. LUJAN, SECRETARY
Mayors' Council of Guam

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MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM

Resolution No. 2017-16-006

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RELATIVE TO SUPPORTING THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY'S MODERNIZATION EFFORTS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY KONSEHELON MAHOT GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) is an autonomous agency of the Government of Guam that provides acute, outpatient, long-term, urgent care and emergency care services to all patients who seek medical attention; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) has for many years faced many financial challenges that result largely from its mix of payors and mandate to provide care regardless of a patient's ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these challenges many capital projects were deferred including general facility preventive maintenance and the purchasing of updated medical equipment; and

WHEREAS, despite these financial difficulties the GMHA was able in 2010 to achieve accreditation from *The Joint Commission* (TJC) after losing it in 1981 and has maintained this Gold Seal since 2010 and its certification from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services; and

WHEREAS, GMH recently has developed a Business Sustainability Plan with the support of Governor Eddie Baza Calvo and his Administration which outlines a strategy to improve the hospital's finances and to expand and enhance its services for the patients it serves; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2012, an Expansion Feasibility Study was completed by the Provido, Tan, Jones Architect firm, from which, GMHA was able to develop its Facility Master Plan to identify potential "Operation & Maintenance" and Capital Improvement Projects Critical for maintaining and sustaining current hospital facility conditions, as well as to identify physical expansion opportunities; and

WHEREAS, as envisioned in GMH's Business Sustainability Plan, this expansion and enhancement of existing services, which require investments in capital improvements as outlined in GMH's Facility Master Plan, the introduction of new services and a refocusing of

its patient care model will result in improved patient outcomes that is aligned with its mission to provide quality patient care in a safe environment; and

WHEREAS, there will be a concomitant improvement in GMH's financial health as this shift in the care model along with expanded and new services will enable better reimbursement from the Medicare, Medicaid and the Medically Indigent Program, its largest group of payers; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo has introduced Bill 141-34 which provides for the authorization for a $125M Bond borrowing for Capital Improvement Projects and GMH and Bill 142-34 which provides for a source of funding for the debt service and a means for a dedicated source of subsidy to address the hospital's operating shortfall which averages approximately $30M annually; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Mayors' Council of Guam fully supports Bills 141-34 and 142-34, which provide the mechanism for GMH's Modernization; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the *Konsehelon Mahot Guåhan* do hereby respectfully requests the members of the 34th Guam Legislature pass Bills 141-34 and 142-34, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President certify, and the Secretary of the Council attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guåhan, to GMHA Administrator Mr. Peter John Camacho, and the Honorable Edward JB Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY ADOPTED ON THE 6th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2017, IN THE CITY OF HAGÅTÑA, GUAM.

CERTIFIED BY:

MAYOR PAUL M. McDONALD
President

ATTESTED BY:

MAYOR DORIS F. LUJAN
Secretary