

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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457-37 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje	Relative to recognizing “Community Health Center Week” from August 4 to August 10, 2024; and to commend the Guam Community Health Centers (Northern Region Community Health Center and Southern Region Community Health Center) for its dedication to providing essential healthcare services to the residents of Guam; and to acknowledge the governance role of the Board of Directors and the leadership of the Bureau of Primary Care Services.	8/9/24 4:00 p.m.	8/15/24 9:30 a.m.						

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Introduced by:

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:

WHEREAS, the Guam Community Health Centers, comprising the Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC) and the Southern Region Community Health Center (SRCHC), serve as vital healthcare providers, delivering comprehensive medical services to underserved and vulnerable populations across the island; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Community Health Centers, which are Federally Qualified Health Centers, operate as multi-specialty primary care clinics. The Southern Region Community Health Center (SRCHC) has been serving the community for 27 years since its opening in 1984, while the Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC) was established in 1998; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Community Health Centers aim to reduce health
2 disparities by providing comprehensive primary health care to the underserved,
3 indigent, and uninsured populations who are most in need of assistance and least able
4 to find it; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the NRCHC and SRCHC offer comprehensive primary healthcare,
6 acute outpatient care, and preventive services to the community. Their team, including
7 family practitioners, pediatricians, internists, nurse practitioners, and other health
8 professionals, provides essential care across various areas. Services include prenatal
9 and postpartum care, women's health (OB/GYN), well-baby care, child and adolescent
10 health, immunizations, adult care, minor surgeries, wound repair, TB testing and
11 therapy, early screening and diagnostic testing for children, family planning, cancer and
12 communicable disease screening and treatment, as well as chronic disease management;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Community Health Centers operate under the auspices
15 of the Bureau of Primary Care Services (BPCS), ensuring a unified and strategic
16 approach to public healthcare delivery in Guam; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Administrator of the Bureau of Primary Care Services also
18 serves as the Executive Director of both the NRCHC and SRCHC, providing consistent
19 leadership and oversight to the operations and initiatives of the Community Health
20 Centers; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Guam Community Health Centers
22 assumes critical governance and fiduciary responsibilities, guiding the strategic
23 direction and ensuring the financial stability of both the NRCHC and SRCHC; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Community Health Centers play a crucial role in
25 improving public health outcomes, particularly for the island's underserved populations,
26 by providing accessible, high-quality healthcare services, including preventive care,
27 chronic disease management, and wellness programs; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the dedicated staff and leadership of the NRCHC and SRCHC have
2 demonstrated an unwavering commitment to serving the healthcare needs of Guam’s
3 residents, contributing to the overall well-being and health equity of the community;
4 and

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette na*
6 *Liheislaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize
7 “Community Health Center Week” from August 4 to August 10, 2024; and to commend
8 the Guam Community Health Centers (Northern Region Community Health Center and
9 Southern Region Community Health Center) for its dedication to providing essential
10 healthcare services to the residents of Guam; and to acknowledge the governance role
11 of the Board of Directors and the leadership of the Bureau of Primary Care Services;
12 and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
14 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
15 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Board of Directors of the Guam Community
16 Health Centers, and the Executive Director of both the Northern Region Community
17 Health Center and the Southern Region Community Health Center; and to the
18 Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY OF
AUGUST 2024.**