

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2010 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 483-30 (LS)**

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**Relative to commending and congratulating the staff and management of the *Ayuda* Foundation of Guam and the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) on the establishment of the GMHA Medical Library.**

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

3           **WHEREAS**, for many years, the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority  
4 (GMHA) had reserved vacant space on the fourth floor of the Hospital  
5 building, which was intended to house a Medical Library; and

6           **WHEREAS**, due to funding problems, in the 1980s and 1990s the  
7 GMHA floor space that was to be used for a medical library was eventually  
8 used for other purposes, and doctors, nurses and other health professionals  
9 have not had that medical library resource for many years; and

10           **WHEREAS**, in 2007, an exciting endeavor was initiated when the Robert  
11 Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) awarded the *Ayuda* Foundation of Guam a  
12 year-long grant of Forty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$49,000) to support the  
13 rebuilding of the Yap State Hospital Medical Library, which was destroyed by  
14 Typhoon *Sudal* in 2004; and

15           **WHEREAS**, the RWJF grant was written and implemented by Arlene  
16 Cohen, a retired University of Guam Librarian, and Alice Hadley, the U.S.  
17 Naval Hospital Guam Medical Librarian; and were assisted by Carlotta Leon  
18 Guerrero, the *Ayuda* Foundation Executive Director, and Walden Weilbacher,  
19 the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures Secretariat, who is also a  
20 member of the *Ayuda* Foundation Board; and

21           **WHEREAS**, after the successful establishment of the Yap State Hospital  
22 Mark Durand Medical Library in April 2008, Alice Hadley and Arlene Cohen

1 asked Carlotta Leon Guerrero and the RWJF to replicate the Yap project; and  
2 the grant was expanded with the goal of establishing new hospital medical  
3 libraries throughout the eight (8) other U.S.-affiliated Pacific Islands state  
4 hospitals in Palau, the FSM, the Marshall Islands, American Samoa, the  
5 CNMI, and Guam; and

6       **WHEREAS**, after a Needs Assessment was done by each island's  
7 hospitals, they worked with Michael Epp, Executive Director of the Pacific  
8 Islands Health Officers Association, to draw up a Memorandum of  
9 Understanding (MOU) that defined the commitments implied in the project,  
10 thereby encouraging the future sustainability of the medical libraries; and

11       **WHEREAS**, these commitments included having each hospital provide  
12 for a librarian, space for the library, Internet access, a future budget line item  
13 for library materials, and support for the librarians' involvement in the Pacific  
14 Islands Association of Libraries and Archives (PIALA); and

15       **WHEREAS**, the grant was designed to provide funding for books,  
16 computers, library automation software, cataloging supplies, and staff  
17 training; and

18       **WHEREAS**, with the establishment of the Guam Memorial Hospital  
19 Authority Medical Library, the quality of care will be greatly enhanced with  
20 the access to medical information resources the Library will provide; now,  
21 therefore, be it

1           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
2 behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Robert Wood  
3 Johnson Foundation; the *Ayuda* Foundation of Guam; the Pacific Islands  
4 Health Officers Association; Arlene Cohen, Alice Hadley and Carlotta Leon  
5 Guerrero; Walden Weilbacher, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures  
6 Secretariat; the University of Guam; the staff and management of the Guam  
7 Memorial Hospital Authority, and all health ministers throughout the region,  
8 for realizing the importance of having a medical library; and to extending *Un*  
9 *Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* to them for their efforts in the establishment of  
10 the GMHA Medical Library; and be it further

11           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary  
12 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter  
13 transmitted to Arlene Cohen, Pacific Islands Library Consultant; to Alice  
14 Hadley, U.S. Naval Hospital Guam Medical Librarian; to Carlotta Leon  
15 Guerrero, *Ayuda* Foundation Executive Director; to Walden Weilbacher,  
16 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures Secretariat; to Peter John D.  
17 Camacho, GMHA Administrator; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*  
18 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2010.



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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  
Speaker



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TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES  
Legislative Secretary