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Introduction

Resolution No. 256-32 (COR)

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Relative to commending and congratulating the Respiratory Therapists on Guam on the celebration of “Respiratory Care Week,” from October 20 to October 26, 2013, with the theme: “Bringing Breath to Life”; and to further extending Un Dăngkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’ for their commitment to “raising awareness and educating the public on good lung health and the prevention and management of diseases associated with the cardiopulmonary system” for the people of Guam.

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

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WHEREAS, “Respiratory Care Week” is a national celebration sponsored by the American Association for Respiratory Care to recognize Respiratory Therapists for their significant role in providing respiratory care, and for their contributions to the profession; and

WHEREAS, this annual celebration is dedicated to those professionals who “live and breathe” respiratory care day-to-day; and the theme for this year’s celebration of “Respiratory Care Week” is “Bringing Breath to Life”; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Respiratory Therapists during these annual celebrations is to build relationships and bridge “worlds” with other colleagues within the profession, the different health care professions, medical centers, home-care agencies, pharmaceuticals, manufacturers, vendors, and the community; and

WHEREAS, one of the missions of Respiratory Therapists is to promote the respiratory care profession by raising awareness and educating the public about who they are and what they do to promote good lung health, and prevent and manage diseases associated with the cardiopulmonary system; and

WHEREAS, Respiratory Therapists understand that the cycle of life begins and ends with a breath. Therefore, they recognize the importance of their role as advocates or “voices” for the newborn baby who takes his first breath, or the elderly patient who takes his last breath; and

WHEREAS, Respiratory Therapists provide therapeutic treatments, pharmacologic administration, and diagnostic services twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week to patients having difficulty breathing due to a wide range of respiratory diseases and other associated conditions, such as asthma, adult respiratory distress syndrome, bronchitis, bronchiectasis, emphysema, cystic fibrosis, pulmonary fibrosis, lung cancer, heart attack, stroke, drowning, shock, AIDS, and accident-related cases; and
WHEREAS, Respiratory Therapists are one of the most critical members of the health care team handling critically ill patients in the Emergency Room, the Neonatal, Pediatric and Adult Intensive Care Units, the patient wards, and the air and ground ambulance transports. Respiratory Therapists believe that respiratory care is a matter of “life and breath”; and

WHEREAS, Respiratory Therapists have excellent critical-thinking and problem-solving skills that augment their ability to exercise independent judgement while working under pressure and providing optimum respiratory care. The integration of scientific doctrine, knowledge of cardiopulmonary physiology, pathophysiology, biomedical engineering and modern technology enables them to treat and manage their patients accordingly; and

WHEREAS, Respiratory Therapists have to undergo extensive education and training from a Respiratory Therapy Educational Program accredited by the Commission of Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC); and

WHEREAS, Respiratory Therapists who have taken and passed the National Board for Respiratory Care examinations have earned the title and credentials of a Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT), or a Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT); and

WHEREAS, other National Board for Respiratory Care specialty credentials include: Neonatal/Pediatric Specialist; Adult Critical Care Specialist; Sleep Disorder Specialist; Pulmonary Function Technologist; and Certified Asthma Educator; and

WHEREAS, Respiratory Therapists are members of professional organizations, such as the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC); the National Board for Respiratory Care; the National Lung Health Education Program (NLHEP); and the American Respiratory Care Foundation (NRCF); and
WHEREAS, Respiratory Therapists who want to practice on Guam must be licensed by the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners; and they must earn continuing education credits within the renewal period biannually; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Memorial Hospital Respiratory Therapists include:

- Evelyn Andres, RRT-NPS;
- Chad Ascura, CRT;
- Erwin Aquino, CRT;
- Ronnie Basilio, RRT-NPS;
- Ronald Beaver, RRT;
- Gregory Cruz, RRT-NPS;
- Manny Cruz, CRT;
- Angela Gaminde, RRT-NPS;
- Evelyn Kedher, RRT-NPS;
- Cleopatra Manzon, RRT-NPS;
- Yvonne Marante, RRT-NPS, AE-C;
- Bella Martinez, CRT-NPS;
- Faye Marie Martinez, CRT;
- Robin Olmo, RRT-NPS;
- Orville O’Neil, RRT;
- Linda P. Perez, RRT-NPS;
- Allie Brinn Peryea, RRT;
- Percival Piana, RRT-NPS;
- Judy Roa, RRT;
- Wilson Garces, RRT;
- and Robert Sales, RRT-NPS; and

WHEREAS, the Respiratory Therapists of the United States Naval Hospital, Guam include Lisa Grenier, RRT; Erwin Tingson, RRT; and Yvonne Marante, RRT-NPS, AE-C; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina’Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Respiratory Therapists of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority and the United States Naval Hospital, Guam on the celebration of “Respiratory Care Week,” from October 20 to October 26, 2013, with the theme: “Bringing Breath to Life”; and does further extend Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’ for their commitment to “raising awareness and educating the public on good lung health and the prevention and management of diseases associated with the cardiopulmonary system” for the people of Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Linda Perez, RRT-NPS, member, Guam
Board of Allied Health Examiners; to the Respiratory Therapists of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority and the United States Naval Hospital, Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga’lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2013.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary
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