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Relative to recognizing and congratulating the School Nurses of the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) on the observance of “National School Nurse Day” on May 7, 2014, with the theme, “Caring for Others: Caring for Ourselves”; and to further extending Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’ to the GDOE School Nurses for their commitment to excellence in providing healthcare services to our island’s school communities.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the National Association of School Nurses observes “National School Nurse Day” throughout the nation on Wednesday, May 7, 2014; and the “National School Nurse Day” theme, “Caring for Others: Caring for Ourselves,” is
meant to capture each school nurse’s significant role in improving students’ health and academic outcomes, as they lead the way in ensuring a healthier and more sustainable future for our island’s children; and

WHEREAS, Guam is blessed to have forty-six (46) school nurses who make a difference in the lives of more than thirty-one thousand (31,000) students every day; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) celebrates all our school nurses for being positive influences in the health and well-being of students throughout the island through the many roles they fulfill as they care for students and communities, serving critical roles in promoting students’ academic success for more than 110 years; and

WHEREAS, School Nurses are in a unique position to promote prevention and wellness, providing access to health care for our students to stay healthy, safe and ready to learn; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that early access to care and prevention strategies are vital, which is why school nurses promote healthy lifestyles and disease prevention for students during their early and most vulnerable years - and lasting through high school; and

WHEREAS, working with school-aged children on the island, school nurses are the daily eyes and ears of health care providers and public health agencies, and they provide a critical service to our community by addressing the health risks our children face, and by assisting parents to navigate a very complex health system; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Department of Education is proud to acknowledge the increasing recognition given to school nursing as a pivotal access point for students’ health; and

WHEREAS, a top priority for Guam and our nation should be ensuring that our children have a healthy and successful future, providing them with the tools to become
productive citizens in society, all the while transforming communities by making this
vision a daily reality; and

WHEREAS, the GDOE School Nurses have engaged in trainings and
workshops to enhance their professions, working with numerous agencies and
organizations to build healthy relationships, which include: the Department of Public
Health and Social Services Immunization Updates and Outreach Clinics; the Guam
Memorial Hospital Authority CPR and First Aid Certification for twenty-one School
Nurses; the United States Naval Hospital in Disaster Trainings; the Guam Emergency
Medical Services in Disaster Drills; the Government of Guam Worksite Wellness
Program in scheduling health fairs at the various schools for employees and parents;
the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center in the training on Suicide
Prevention; the Red Ribbon Week Campaigns; the Brief Tobacco Intervention
Trainings and Cessations; the Micronesian Brokers, Inc., with their Bright Smiles,
Bright Futures program; and the University of Guam School of Nursing in providing
facility access to enhance nursing skills in pediatric health; and

WHEREAS, over thirty-one thousand students on Guam are provided with
excellent health care in the public school system by the caring school nurses that serve
them, and these school nurses are recognized as our health care heroes, and include:
Julietta Quinene, R.N., MBA-HCA, HBCUR - Community Health and Nursing
Services Administrator; Loreto Dizon; Eden Lou Laserna; Edith Jamero; Jesusa Epres;
Corman Smau; David Hendricks; Debbie Dela Cruz, SHC; Annabel Santos, LPN;
Sherry Ann Dolor, SHC; Leonora Elizaga, LPN; Helen Santos; Alicia Lim; Mary
Marston-Escamilla; Jocelyn Cruz; Jui-Ying Chen; Josefa Lizama Artero; Teresa
Untalan; Lily Mae Concepcion; Kimberly Dawn Edusma; Ariel Mae Sumbo; Ronnie
Gallo; Leah Landstrom; Glory Ann Cefre; Janice Yatar; Patricia J.S. Quenga; Marites
Lansang; Rita Taitano; Alma Rabena; Betty Diaz; Elena Lim; Eileen Jaleco; Bernabe
Mutuc; Erlinda P. Catague; Jocelyn Grace Sabinay; Stella Ji; Shirley Cruz; Thora
WHEREAS, the School Nurses of the Guam Department of Education should be given the honor and respect they deserve for serving the students of Guam as the first line of defense for health care and advocacy in their lives; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina’Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate the School Nurses of the Guam Department of Education on the observance of “National School Nurse Day” on May 7, 2014, with the theme, “Caring for Others: Caring for Ourselves”; and does further extend Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’ to the GDOE School Nurses for their commitment to excellence in providing healthcare services to our island’s school communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Jon Fernandez, Superintendent of the Guam Department of Education; to Mrs. Julietta Quinene, Administrator of the Community Health and Nursing Services Division of the Guam Department of Education; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga’laken Guåhan.

DLY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA’TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 1ST DAY OF MAY 2014.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker

Tina Rose Muña Barnes Legislative Secretary