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

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WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Guam Legislature to recognize that the quality and character of life in communities at home and overseas are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals and organizations who would devote themselves to the welfare of those most affected by calamities; and

WHEREAS, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, the Guam Legislature is justly honored to recognize and commend Dr. Gloria Enriquez Fabrigas for her dedication in Tacloban City’s efforts to provide immediate medical aid to the Typhoon Yolanda survivors; and to commend St. Luke’s Medical Center (SLMC) for its partnership with the Guam Medical Association (GMA) team in providing ground support for a series of medical missions; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fabrigas was born and raised in the Philippines, and she earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration (Economics) at Philippine Christian University (PCU), in 1984; and she earned her Doctor of Medicine Degree at the Remedios T. Romualdez Medical Foundation, where she currently serves as the Faculty and Medical Interns’ Preceptor under the Department of Preventive and Community Medicine, College of Medicine; and she also holds a Master’s Degree in Public Health at the University of the Philippines Open University (UPOU); and

WHEREAS, as the Disaster Coordinator of the Regional Department of Health, Dr. Fabrigas became actively involved in disaster response and networking with local Christians in countries within the region, including Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Cambodia, and China, helping to organize and develop local village communities through a holistic approach; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2013, Dr. Fabrigas, the head of the Health Cluster for the City Government of Tacloban, and the coordinator of Special Projects for Health under the Office of the City Mayor, was the only physician on duty at the Operation Center in Tacloban City when Typhoon Yolanda (known internationally as...
Typhoon Haiyan) made landfall and continued to barrel through six provinces in the central Philippines. Preliminary reports noted that Tacloban’s hospitals were overwhelmed due to the sheer number of injured survivors; and according to the Philippines’ National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, about 40 percent of the 6,300 typhoon casualties were people from Tacloban; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the devastation and turmoil caused by Typhoon Yolanda, local governmental agencies and the international community quickly responded to the humanitarian crisis in the Philippines, providing food, clean water, shelter, and basic health care to thousands of survivors. St. Luke’s Medical Center (SLMC), through donations and coordination with SLMC Foundation, Inc., and with the assistance on the ground from Energy Development Corporation and the Ormoc City Health Office, was one of the first private hospitals to assist with immediate recovery efforts in the affected and underserved areas by delivering relief goods and providing medical care to approximately 800 survivors in Ormoc, with plans of giving long-term aid, including continuous medical missions, to target communities in the Visayas; and

WHEREAS, in response to the suffering and plight of the people of Visayas, members of the Guam Medical Association (GMA) collaborated with SLMC physicians and nurses to form a joint medical mission team, and they deployed to the towns of Daanbantayan and Sogod, where about 3,000 survivors had not received health care since Typhoon Yolanda struck the region two weeks earlier. This initial GMA team was comprised of nine doctors, and was the largest private foreign medical contingency team to help with relief efforts at the time; and

WHEREAS, the GMA-SLMC medical mission team deployed twice more. In January 2014, they deployed to Tacloban City for a two-day mission wherein they were able to treat more than 1,000 patients; and in May 2014, the GMA team of about
twelve doctors, fifteen nurses, a radiologist, and other medical professionals, along
with SLMC physicians and nursing staff, provided medical care to people in Tacloban
who were housed in a tent city, and rendered assistance at a Tacloban hospital that
was badly damaged during the typhoon. The joint team, which brought 3,000 pairs of
reading glasses and more than $60,000 worth of medicine and medical supplies, was
able to assist 700 survivors on the first day alone; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her significant contributions to her community,
Guam is proud and honored to welcome Dr. Gloria Enriquez Fabrigas as a Guest
Speaker at the Guam Medical Association special meeting on June 13, 2014, where
she will be speaking on her experience as a disaster relief physician at ground zero;
and

WHEREAS, as a true healthcare partner in the region, SLMC continues to
distinguish itself in both excellence in medicine and humanitarian activities, and
merits the recognition and respectful tribute of the Guam Legislature and the people of
Guam; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina’Trentai Dos Na Lihesluran Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Lihesluran Guåhan and the people
of Guam, recognize and commend Dr. Gloria Enriquez Fabrigas for her intrepid
leadership and devoted service as the only physician on duty at the Operation Center
in Tacloban City during the first forty-eight (48) hours after Typhoon Yolanda made
landfall; and does further commend St. Luke’s Medical Center for its invaluable
partnership and the ground support it provided to the Guam Medical Association in
the disaster relief efforts in the central Philippines; 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 Dr. Gloria Enriquez Fabrigas; to Dr. Edgardo R.
Cortez, M.D., St. Luke’s Medical Center President and Chief Executive Officer; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga’laken Guåhan.

Duly and regularly adopted by the Committee on Rules of I Mina’trentai dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan on this 12th day of June 2014.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary
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