



Guam Memorial Hospital Authority

Aturidåt Espetåt Mimuriåt Guåhan

850 Governor Carlos G. Camacho Road
Tamuning, Guam 96913
Tel.: (671) 647-2552 or 2330 | Fax: (671) 649-0145



For Immediate Release

Contact: Mai Habib
Marketing & Communications Director
Mai.habib@gmha.org
Phone: (671) 647-2218

GMHA staff celebrates National Hospital Week 2022!

May 8, 2022 - Tamuning, Guam – National Hospital Week is being celebrated across the U.S. this week, to honor and celebrate the selfless dedication of all hospital staff. While always essential, COVID-19 has shown us how crucial our healthcare workers truly are.

What started as just a one-day Hospital Day celebration in 1921, to encourage trust in the wake of the Spanish Flu, turned into a week-long, annual dedication in 1953, to continue building on the unwritten social contract between healthcare workers and the communities they serve.

This year's National Hospital Week theme is "We Are Health Care," as the world continues to reel from the devastating effects of COVID-19. At GMHA, we know that our hospital frontlines are still leading the charge and will not stop serving the community, through this pandemic and beyond.

"Hospitals are at the heart of our communities. Here on Guam, we are lucky to have three outstanding facilities, of which Guam Memorial Hospital has been, and continues to be, our trusted public institution. I'm proud to lead a team of such dedicated and dynamic professionals who show up to serve our people with passion, each and every day," said Lillian Perez-Posadas, GMHA CEO.

On the frontlines and behind-the-scenes, GMHA staff are here 24/7, 365 days a year to answer the call when our community is in need. This week, we stop and thank them for the work they do on-and-off the clock.

"The courage, skill and dedication we've seen from GMHA employees over these past two years is truly unprecedented. It has been trying to say the least. However, we know that together we have dealt with the most challenging years in healthcare and for that we are stronger!" said Perez-Posadas. "I can't thank our staff enough for their dedication to our island community."

"Hospitals serve as the vessels of life in our community, and their physicians, nurses, and support staff as the beating hearts of lifesaving operations and critical care," said Governor Leon Guerrero. "On Guam, we are blessed to have three hospitals and their compassionate forces



Guam Memorial Hospital Authority

Aturidåt Espetåt Mimuriåt Guåhan

850 Governor Carlos G. Camacho Road
Tamuning, Guam 96913
Tel.: (671) 647-2552 or 2330 | Fax: (671) 649-0145



serving our people in their time of need. They all have our thanks and respect every day, but this week we pay special tribute!”

National Hospital Week is being celebrated this year from May 8-14, overlapping with National Nurses Week, which is May 6-12.

GMHA staff will be taking part in a week of exciting activities, starting first with a Mass of Thanksgiving Intentions for GMHA staff at all island-wide Catholic Churches on Sunday May 8. On Monday May 9, the celebrations will truly kick off with a 9:30am Opening Ceremony in the GMH front lobby. Governor Lou Leon Guerrero will sign a Hospital Week Proclamation live during the ceremony and Speaker Therese Terlaje will deliver a resolution at the event as well. GMHA staff will rally for a wave at the ITC intersection at 4:30pm on Monday, to celebrate Hospital Week. The week will continue from there with lots of raffles, food trucks, live bands, games and much more!

We invite media to join us in-person or by Zoom in the GMHA lobby for the opening ceremonies. Please RSVP to: mai.habib@gmha.org

###

Follow us on Twitter and Instagram, @GMH_Guam and like us on Facebook!

