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Press Release

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Governor, GMH, and Keck Medicine of USC Strengthen Partnership to Advance Island Healthcare

Tamuning, Guam – October 10, 2025— The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA), in collaboration with the Office of the Governor of Guam, will host a press conference on **Monday, October 13, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. in the Daniel L. Webb Boardroom** to provide an update on the ongoing partnership between Keck Medicine of the University of Southern California (USC) and GMHA.

Earlier this year, GMHA and Keck Medicine entered into a cooperative agreement focused on advancing Guam's healthcare capacity through education, clinical collaboration, and workforce development. The upcoming press conference will highlight progress made following a Guam delegation's visit to Keck Medicine in California and outline the next steps in this transformative collaboration. Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, Lieutenant Governor Josh Tenorio, and Interim Hospital Administrator/CEO Dr. Joleen M. Aguon will share insights from the visit and reaffirm the partnership's role in strengthening Guam's healthcare system and supporting the development of a new hospital facility.

Dr. Aguon said, “This partnership continues to open doors for Guam's healthcare professionals. Through collaboration with Keck Medicine's leading experts, we are investing in our people, our hospital, and the future of quality care for our island community.”

Governor Leon Guerrero said, “This partnership with Keck Medicine marks a defining step in our mission to build a stronger, smarter healthcare system for Guam. We're maximizing every partnership with our federal partners, academic institutions, and private healthcare organizations to strengthen our workforce, expand access, and modernize our facilities. Together, we're investing in our local professionals, boosting confidence in our medical services, and laying the groundwork for Guam to emerge as a Pacific leader in healthcare innovation and delivery.”

Lieutenant Governor Tenorio added, “Every family on Guam knows someone who has had to wait months for a specialist, or travel off-island for care that should be available here. Those challenges take a financial and emotional toll, and our administration is committed to addressing this issue. At the same time, we're building the foundation for a new Public Health Laboratory that will open by next summer. These efforts, taken together, are transforming how we deliver care across our island. We're tackling our geographic barriers with innovation and compassion, ensuring that our people can receive world-class care without ever leaving home.”

The press conference will also provide an opportunity for the media and public to learn more about how this partnership supports clinical training, telehealth expansion, and healthcare innovation at GMHA.

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