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Leaders Mark Continued Progress in GMHA Roof and Envelope Restoration Initiative

(Tamuning, Guam; January 22, 2026) — Leaders from across government joined Guam Memorial Hospital Authority staff today to show support for ongoing revitalization efforts at the hospital, highlighting continued progress under GMHA's Roof and Envelope Restoration Initiative and a shared commitment to strengthening Guam's only public hospital.

The visit included participation in a painting activity that symbolized momentum behind broader structural improvements underway at the hospital. The Roof and Envelope Restoration Initiative is a comprehensive effort focused on reinforcing the hospital's roof and exterior walls across all four floors, replacing typhoon shutters, addressing water intrusion, and improving the facility's ability to withstand Guam's weather conditions. Together, these upgrades help protect patient care operations and support continuity of services during emergencies.

"This moment was about visibility and commitment," said GMHA Interim Chief Executive Officer and Administrator Dr. Joleen M. Aguon. "While the work itself is complex and ongoing, what matters most is that our hospital continues to receive the attention and care it needs. Every improvement we make strengthens the foundation that allows our staff to care for patients safely and with dignity."

Governor Lou Leon Guerrero emphasized the importance of sustaining the hospital while advancing long term plans for healthcare on Guam. "As we work toward a new hospital, we also have a responsibility to invest in the facility that serves our people today," she said. "The Roof and Envelope Restoration Initiative reflects that responsibility and the importance of taking action now to protect patients and healthcare workers."

Lieutenant Governor Josh Tenorio underscored the importance of leadership engagement and continuity. "Strong institutions require consistent support," he said. "Showing up for Guam Memorial Hospital and reinforcing these improvement efforts is part of ensuring stability and confidence in the public healthcare system our community depends on."





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Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, Legislative Secretary and Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs of the 38th Guam Legislature, highlighted the broader significance of the work. “This one coat of paint represents progress and another step forward in the direction of improving and maintaining Guam’s only public hospital,” she said. “Saving lives starts with strengthening our foundation. Today, we took another step in that direction.”

The Roof and Envelope Restoration Initiative is part of GMHA’s larger capital improvement strategy aimed at extending the life of the existing facility, improving safety, and supporting reliable patient care while long term infrastructure planning continues.

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