



# Guam Memorial Hospital Authority

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## **GMHA staff celebrates National Hospital Week!**

May 10, 2021 | Tamuning, Guam – Across the U.S., National Hospital Week is being celebrated to honor the great work done by all hospital staff, which has become especially evident during the COVID-19 pandemic.

What started as just a one-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 social contract between healthcare workers and the communities they serve.

This year’s National Hospital Week theme is “Inspiring Hope Through Healing,” as the world continues to reel from the devastating effects of COVID-19. We know that our hospital frontlines are leading the charge and together, we can, and will, defeat this virus!

“Hospitals are 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, the GMHA staff are here 24 hours a day, 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.

“Thanking our staff and ensuring morale remains high is so crucial to the ultimate level of care received by the community. The courage, skill and dedication we’ve seen from GMHA employees over the past year is truly unprecedented. We cried together and we laughed together; these hospital walls will live to tell the tales of the most challenging year in healthcare known in recent history,” said Perez-Posadas.

National Hospital Week runs from May 9-May 15, coinciding with National Nurses Week, May 6-May 12.

GMHA staff will be taking part in a week of planned activities, including virtual jeopardy and a lip-syncing challenge. The week kicked off Sunday with Catholic Churches including a prayer for hospital staff in their Sunday Mass and the official opening ceremony and proclamation signing is Monday May 10, beginning at 9am.

**Join the opening ceremonies by zoom: |**

<https://gmha-org.zoom.us/j/97803852280?pwd=cUVDaFlnT3BTVFpNb3BuY0lrR2lxdz09>

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