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GMHA celebrates incredible nursing staff on National Nurses Day

May 6, 2021 – Tamuning, Guam - The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) is excited and pleased to celebrate the amazing nursing staff at Guam's trusted public hospital. Although nurses are appreciated and commended every day for their tireless commitment, we unite to celebrate nurses on this particularly special day, known as National Nurses Day, celebrated across the U.S. on May 6.

Nurses play a crucial role in the healthcare each and every patient receives, and GMHA recognizes their hard work and dedication

"As a nurse myself, I can attest to the incredible work done by the teams at Guam Memorial Hospital. Time after time, particularly during COVID, nursing staff have worked courageously and with the most positive of attitudes to care for our community's most vulnerable members. Kudos to all the nurses at Guam Memorial Hospital!" said Lillian Perez-Posadas, GMHA CEO.

Throughout the past year, GMHA nurses have embodied incredible strength and resiliency. They have been adaptable and fluid with an ever changing health crisis. At GMHA, we believe the COVID-19 pandemic has shed more light on the need for nurses in our healthcare system, and we continue to actively recruit more incredible homegrown talent.

"Nurses, your extraordinary skill and compassion is the reason we have been able to overcome two surges of COVID-19 and multiple stay-at-home orders. There is no denying that your jobs are tough—your days have been stressful and I know there have been times when you've wanted to quit. But through it all, your will and determination and your genuine concern for our island have helped you through those long shifts and late nights. Your work has not gone unnoticed, and I remain thankful for you every single day for saving lives and helping us rebuild a better Guam," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, who is also a Registered Nurse herself.

"The nurses at GMHA are by far some of the best. We are blessed with their sacrifices and selflessness during these challenging times; they have put themselves in the frontlines everyday for more than a year. Today, and every day, we celebrate you!" said Christine Tuquero, GMHA's acting Nursing Administrator.

National Nurses Day (May 6) is the first day in National Nurses Week in the U.S., which ends on May 12, a day to applaud nurses worldwide (International Nurses Day). Thank a nurse today!

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