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## **Re: Request to Consider Temporary Lodging Accommodations for Essential Employees during COVID-19 Outbreak**

*Håfa Adai* Governor Leon Guerrero,

We understand that in order to assist Guam's healthcare system during the COVID-19 outbreak, our essential government employees, to include healthcare workers and first responders, are tirelessly working to protect the health of our community. Many of these employees are working directly with patients across different facilities. As a result, these employees could be exposed to those infected. At the end of each shift, these employees return home and risk possibly infecting members of their household who could be among the population most vulnerable to COVID-19.

With that said, we believe it is our duty to take all steps possible to minimize the spread and protect our community. We kindly request that the administration provide temporary lodging accommodations for all government employees working directly with those infected as well as those who face exposure for the duration of the health emergency.

As these healthcare workers are assisting our island's healthcare system and continue to protect our community, we want to ensure that they are able to focus on the mission while minimizing risks to their households.

In addition, we implore the administration to provide to all nurses responding to COVID-19 the same level of compensation as Guam Memorial Hospital nurses, to include the appropriate pay calculations for overtime, hazardous pay, weekend differential, and night differential. I appreciate your consideration. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (671)989-7696 or via email at [senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org](mailto:senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org). *Si Yu 'os Ma 'åse'!*

*Senseramente,*

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