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Forty-third COVID-19-Related Fatality Reported; GBHWC Crisis Hotline Available 24/7

The Joint Information Center was notified that Guam's forty-third COVID-19-related fatality occurred at the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) at approximately 8:57 p.m. The patient was a 53-year-old male with underlying health conditions that were compounded by COVID-19. He was admitted to GMH on August 30 after testing positive at Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC).

"Almost every day since the start of September, we have mourned and grieved and shared moments of silence--some days more so than others. It is with great sadness to announce we have lost another person to COVID-19. I want the island to know that he was more than just a data point or statistic, and he should be remembered for the life he lived. To those he cherished, we offer our deepest sympathies and condolences in this most difficult time," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "To the people of Guam, I ask that you not take your loved ones or health or life for granted. Our actions do not only affect us, they affect those around us. We must remain committed to keeping our community safe and healthy. That is the only way we can win."

For information on COVID-19 cases, visit the COVID-19 Dashboard and Situation Report at <u>http://dphss.guam.gov/covid-19/</u>. The COVID-19 Dashboard is updated on business days.

GBHWC Crisis Hotline Available 24/7

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) has a Crisis Hotline that is available 24/7 at (671) 647-8833/4. For those feeling anxious, stressed, overwhelmed or are needing to talk to someone, GBHWC has experienced providers available and ready to assist the community with any heightened stress and anxiety experienced as a result of COVID-19.

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For the latest information on COVID-19, visit <u>dphss.guam.gov</u> or <u>guamrecovery.com</u>. For inquiries on COVID-19, contact 311 through a local number, or call the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.

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