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Twenty-eighth COVID-19-Related Fatality Reported; GBHWC Crisis Hotline Available 24/7

The Joint Information Center was notified that Guam's twenty-eighth COVID-19-related fatality occurred at the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) today at approximately 4:30 p.m. (ChST). The patient was an 84-year-old male and had underlying health conditions. He was initially admitted to GMH on September 3 and tested positive for COVID-19 during initial work-up.

"Our grief continues as we lose another to COVID-19. Jeff, Lt. Governor Josh, and I express our sincerest condolences and sympathies to his family and friends, and they will remain in our thoughts and prayers," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "I know these announcements have taken their toll on us all, but I want you to know that you are not alone. The virus may be cruel, but it is not stronger than the love we have for each other. Our island must remain committed to protecting each other and keeping each other safe. That is the only way we can get through this."

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.

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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