

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 404-30 (COR)

Introduced by:

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v. c. pangelinan
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Relative to extending a sincere *Biba Kompliaños* to the Serve *Guåhan!* Commission on the celebration of their Fifth (5th) Anniversary, and to commending its Board of Commissioners and staff, the Guam Department of Labor, the AmeriCorps Programs, the Guam AmeriCorps Alumni Chapter, the Guam AmeriCorps*VISTA, and the *Guåhan* Volunteer Center, in partnership with the University of Guam, for their continued service for our island.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS**, on June 2, 2005, through Executive Order No. 2005-22, *I*
4 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan* established the Commission on National and Community
5 Service, now known as the Serve Guam! Commission, and on June 30, 2005, *I*
6 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan* appointed fourteen (14) commissioners to guide Guam and
7 the Commission in community service efforts; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Governor's *Serve Guåhan!* Commission and the
9 Corporation for National and Community Service Act of 1990 provide grants
10 to establish programs that improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster
11 civic engagement through service and volunteering; and to operate and
12 expand national service programs, such as AmeriCorps, that provide training
13 and technical assistance to national service programs; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act was signed by
15 President Barack Obama on April 21, 2009, which put the expansion of
16 national service on the path to grow to two hundred fifty thousand (250,000)
17 positions by 2017, thereby increasing service opportunities for students and
18 older Americans, to focus service on key national priorities, and to increase
19 efficiency and accountability; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Governor's *Serve Guåhan!* Commission continues to
21 successfully establish and implement three (3) national programs and the

1 *Guåhan* Volunteer Center since the establishment of the Serve *Guåhan!*
2 Commission in 2005; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on August 28, 2008, the Governor's *Guåhan* Volunteer
4 Center was established in partnership with the University of Guam, and its
5 President, Dr. Robert A. Underwood; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on February 3, 2009, the Guam AmeriCorps Alumni
7 Chapter was established to advance the Governor's strategic plan and to make
8 a difference in our island community by inspiring national service alumni,
9 mobilizing for change, and to continue the mission of AmeriCorps programs
10 to serve the community through its alumni and national chapter, and in
11 partnership with community organizations, non-profits, faith-based groups,
12 businesses, government and federal agencies; and.

13 **WHEREAS**, on May 4, 2010, the Guam AmeriCorps*VISTA was
14 established and it recruited two (2) members to specifically fight poverty.
15 Founded as Volunteers in Service to America in 1965, and incorporated into
16 the AmeriCorps network of programs in 1993, VISTA has been on the front
17 lines in the fight against poverty in America for more than forty (40) years;
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Governor's Serve *Guåhan!* Commission and the *Guåhan*
20 Department of Labor "Navigator" will conduct an outreach to the disability
21 community, and the organizations that serve them, and will provide
22 assistance, expertise and information on SSA work incentives and

1 employment support programs on navigating through the variety of
2 programs and services that impact their employment (e.g., transportation,
3 housing, health care, etc.), under the One-Stop Center; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the *Serve Guåhan!* Commission promotes service for young
5 people and advocates for youth; it champions the efforts to help young people
6 make informed and responsible decisions, and to put them on the path to a
7 lifetime of service; and it uses its domestic and international work for learning
8 and disseminating lessons across borders; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the *Serve Guåhan!* Commission will build on its success
10 from the President's and the Governor's call to service over the coming years
11 to focus on guiding principles, such as: service as a solution in identifying and
12 targeting resources to tackle issues, and to better demonstrate impact; expand
13 opportunities to serve in connecting with our island citizens and provide easy
14 access to service opportunities to fit their needs and engage them in a lifetime
15 of service; build enduring capacity to enable individuals, organizations and
16 communities to become more effective in addressing pressing challenges and
17 to use service as a lasting solution; embrace innovation and invest in models
18 that work, find new ways of doing business, and serve as a source of ideas for
19 local communities; now, therefore, be it

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
21 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
22 people of Guam, commend the *Serve Guåhan!* Commission for improving

1 lives, strengthening communities, and fostering civic engagement through
2 service and volunteering; and does congratulate the Serve *Guåhan!*
3 Commission on its Fifth (5th) Anniversary on June 11, 2010; and be it further
4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
5 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof and
6 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Maria Connelley, Director,
7 and Erica Unpingco, Deputy Director, *Guåhan* Department of Labor; to Peter
8 Barcinas, Chairman, and staff; to Doris Aguon, Program Manager, Serve
9 *Guåhan* Commission; to Dr. Robert A. Underwood in partnership with Serve
10 *Guåhan!* Commission - Guam Volunteer Center situated at the University of
11 Guam; to Joint Region Marianas, AmeriCorps Programs; to Program
12 Directors, George L. Salas, Sanctuary, Incorporated, *Ayuda Para I Komunidat*; to
13 Claudia Taitano, AmeriCorps University of Guam Success Center; to Zina
14 Ruiz, *Pa'a* AmeriCorps; to Anna Arceo, *Huråo* AmeriCorps; to Reverend
15 Michael Crisostomo, IHOM Life Corp AmeriCorps, CNCS; to Laurie
16 Cannady, AmeriCorps*VISTA; to Carmelita San Nicolas, Guam AmeriCorps
17 Alumni Chapter; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS 10TH DAY
OF JUNE, 2010.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



RORY J. RESPICIO
Acting Legislative Secretary