

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 27 (COA)

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**RELATIVE TO COMMENDING THE SERVE GUAM
COMMISSION FOR IMPROVING LIVES,
STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES, AND FOSTERING
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH SERVICE AND
VOLUNTEERING AND RECOGNIZING APRIL 19-25
2009, AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK.**

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

3 WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week was created in 1974 when
4 President Richard Nixon signed an executive order to establish the week as an
5 annual celebration of volunteering; and

6 WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week reflects the power that volunteers
7 have to "inspire by example" volunteers both encourage those they help and
8 motivate others to serve and "celebrating people in action"; and

9 WHEREAS, the act also formally launched AmeriCorps, a network of
10 national service programs that engage Americans in intensive service to meet

1 the nation's critical needs in education, environment, public safety, health,
2 and other unmet human needs. The newly created AmeriCorps incorporated
3 two existing national service programs: the longstanding VISTA (Volunteers
4 in Service To America) program, created by President Lyndon Johnson in 1964
5 and the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC); and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Serve Guam Commission, AmeriCorps Programs;
7 AmeriCorps University of Guam Success Center; Sanctuary, Incorporated –
8 Ayuda Para I Komunidat, Micronesian Business Association – Impact Today!,
9 Pa'a AmeriCorps Community Linala y Kuturan Chamorro, Governor's Guam
10 Volunteer Center in partnership with University of Guam, and Guam
11 AmeriCorps Alumni Chapter; **and**

12 **WHEREAS**, our island community will host 2009 National Volunteer
13 Week beginning Sunday, April 19th and ending on April 25th 2009, with the
14 office of *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* in the promotion of community outreach and
15 civic engagement; **and**

16 **WHEREAS**, National Volunteer Awards will be presented to all
17 organizations of all stripes – nonprofits, faith based, community groups,
18 Volunteer Centers, businesses, and local government agencies, to include
19 Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteer Association, Military Partner's; Navy
20 Joint Region Marianas, U.S. Air Force, Guam Veterans Organization's;;
21 American Legion Post #1, Military Order of the Purple Heart 2006, Army
22 Retirees Association, Agana Shopping Center, Micronesia Mall, Non-Profit,

1 Faith Based Organizations, Public and Private Schools; community
2 volunteer's and other community partners in recognition of volunteers
3 throughout the 2009 year; and be it

4 **WHEREAS**, National Volunteer week's events include; Sunday, April
5 19th, Thank –A-Volunteer – Thanking the Volunteers of Guam, Monday, April
6 20th, AmeriCorps Cares; AmeriCorps Members provides special treats to
7 Guam Memorial Hospital, Tuesday,- Friday, April 21-24th, AmeriCorps Reads;
8 AmeriCorps members, along with Clifford & other costumed characters, read
9 at various kindergarten classes, Saturday, April 25th, AmeriCorps Celebrates
10 Life; AmeriCorps members sing, entertain and assist St. Dominic's residents,
11 and,

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* commends The Serve Guam
13 Commission for improving lives, strengthening communities, and fostering
14 civic engagement through service and volunteering and recognizes April 19-
15 25 2009, as National Volunteer Week ; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
17 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
18 hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Maria
19 Connelley, Director, and Erica Unpingco, Deputy Director, Guam Department
20 of Labor; Peter Barcinas, Chairman, and staff; Doris Aguon, Program
21 Manager, Scholastica Rivera, Program Officer, Serve Guam Commission;

1 Program Director's; Claudia Taitano, AmeriCorps University of Guam
2 Success Center; George L. Salas, Sanctuary, Incorporated, Ayuda Para I
3 Komunidat; Bobbie Roberto, Micronesian Business Association -Impact
4 Today!; Nicole Calvo, Pa'a Taotao Tano' – Pa'a AmeriCorps Community, and
5 Linala y Kuturan Chamorro, Dr. Robert A. Underwood – University of Guam;
6 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE ____
DAY OF APRIL 2009.**

**JUDITH T. WON PAT
SPEAKER**

**TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature**