

I MINA 'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2009 (First) REGULAR SESSION

Resolution No. 117 (LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to extending a sincere *Biba Kompliaños* to the Serve Guam! Commission on the Celebration of their Fourth (4th) Anniversary and to commend its Commissioners, Staff and the Guam Department of Labor for their continued service for our island.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:**

2 **WHEREAS,** *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* established a Commission on National and Community
3 Service, referred to and known as the Serve Guam! Commission through Executive Order 2005-22
4 on June 2, 2005 and on June 30, 2005, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* appointed fourteen (14) commissioners
5 to guide Guam and the Commission in community service efforts; and

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

11 **WHEREAS,** it seeks to build the infrastructure of nonprofits and communities to create
12 more volunteer opportunities, and to respond to significant community challenges through citizen
13 mobilization and increasing the level of individual engagement in volunteer activities ; and

14 **WHEREAS,** the Commission engages our island community of all ages and backgrounds,
15 including those with disabilities, in strengthening our democracy, to continue the growth in the
16 number of volunteers representing a once-in-a-generation opportunity to sustain a significant
17 upsurge in citizenship ; and

18 **WHEREAS,** our island community must overcome obstacles including lack of time, lack of
19 information, family responsibilities, transportation issues, and health or medical issues, and instead
20 reach out to our island community of all ages and backgrounds to volunteer and, at the same time, to
21 ensure that volunteers' needs are fulfilled.; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Serve Guam! Commission promotes service for young people to gain
2 valuable skills for work and school, for older Americans to stay active and healthy, and for people of
3 all ages to broaden their service experience and introduce over a thousand children and youth every
4 year to the excitement of meeting community needs, and put them on the path to a lifetime of
5 service; and

6 **WHEREAS**, it builds on the success from the President's call to service and the Governor's
7 Serve Guam! Commission efforts over the coming years to focus on six major areas: increasing
8 volunteer recruitment, training, and support by AmeriCorps; ensuring that AmeriCorps*State and
9 National and VISTA extensively support the spectrum of community volunteer connector
10 organizations; utilizing participants in national service programs to provide volunteer coordination
11 and management support for organizations, especially smaller organizations that rely on volunteers;
12 ensuring organizations are partnering with faith-based and other community organizations to help
13 meet community needs; building the capacity of local communities to organize citizens to respond
14 effectively to disasters; and, using the national platform to recognize volunteers; now, therefore, be
15 it

16 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* commends The Serve Guam! Commission for
17 improving lives, strengthening communities, and fostering civic engagement through service and
18 volunteering and recognizes June 2, 2009, as the 4th Anniversary of the Serve Guam! Commission;
19 and be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the
21 adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to: Ms. Maria Connelley,
22 Director, and Ms. Erica Unpingco, Deputy Director, Guam Department of Labor; Mr. Peter
23 Barcinas, Chairman, and staff; Ms. Doris Aguon, Program Manager, Ms. Scholastica Rivera,
24 Program Officer, Serve Guam Commission; Dr. Robert A. Underwood for partnering with Serve
25 Guam! Commission with the Guam Volunteer Center situated at the University of Guam; Rear
26 Admiral William French, Military - Joint Region Marianas; AmeriCorps Programs: Program
27 Director Ms. Bobbie Roberto, Micronesian Business Association-Impact Today!; Ms. Claudia
28 Taitano, AmeriCorps University of Guam Success Center; Mr. George L. Salas, Sanctuary,
29 Incorporated, Ayuda Para I Komunitat; Ms. Nicole Calvo, Pa'a Taotao Tano' – Pa'a AmeriCorps
30 Community Linala y Kuturan Chamorro, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen*
31 *Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE ____ DAY OF _____, 2009.

**JUDITH T. WON PAT
SPEAKER**

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