

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Resolution No. 301-31 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing the participants of the 2012 Martin Luther King Day of Service celebrated on January 16, 2012; and to further memorializing Dr. King's ongoing call to action.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS**, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, on Monday, January
4 16, 2012, has been designated by Guam law as a means to honor and celebrate Dr.
5 King's life and legacy by helping our neighbors and communities, and by promoting
6 his message of equality, social justice, and opportunity for all; and

1 **WHEREAS**, this day, also designated as an official Guam holiday, recognizes
2 a true leader who continues to serve as a shining example as Guam seeks its
3 appropriate full recognition as a member of the American family; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service is fully supported by
5 the Governor's Serve Guam! Commission; the Guam Department of Labor; the
6 National and Community Service (CNCS); the Guam Volunteer Center and the three
7 (3) national programs: AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps Alums and AmeriCorps*VISTA;
8 and our five (5) AmeriCorps Programs: Sanctuary, Incorporated, AmeriCorps UOG
9 Success Center, IHOM Life Corps, AmeriCorps, *Pa'a* AmeriCorps, and *Guma' Mami*
10 AmeriCorps; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the ceremony marking the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service
12 is to be held on January 16, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at the *Agaña* Shopping Center Court;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, during the 1950s and '60s, as America's foremost civil rights
15 leader, the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. was able to make great strides in
16 achieving voting rights for African-American citizens, who had long been denied this
17 fundamental element of our society; and

18 **WHEREAS**, while Reverend King, and his followers and supporters, were able
19 to win victories in securing voting rights in many American States, to this day in
20 2012, the U.S. citizens of the District of Columbia the island of Guam, and all other
21 U.S. territories continue to be disenfranchised from national elections; and

22 **WHEREAS**, although Guam has been treated as U.S. soil since it was taken
23 from the Spanish Crown by force of arms in 1898, its residents were long subjected to
24 rule by the U.S. military, which could be, at the whim of individual Naval
25 commanders, arbitrary and capricious, much as were many local governments in the

1 mainland United States in which persons of color were denied a say by systematic
2 disenfranchisement; and

3 **WHEREAS**, it was only after a long history of American military rule,
4 interrupted by the Japanese seizure of Guam and harsh treatment at the hands of that
5 country during World War II, that the people of Guam were “allowed” to elect a
6 Governor and Legislature to represent them; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam do not enjoy the ironclad Constitutional civil
8 rights guaranteed to other American citizens; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the elements that reflect the honorable legacy of Dr. King and his
10 living teachings are seen in current events that are unfolding on Guam, including the
11 exercise of civic responsibility by our people in response to the present military
12 buildup; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in the spirit of Reverend King, Guam will redouble its efforts to
14 capture and enjoy the civil rights enjoyed by other Americans. As Reverend King said
15 in 1969, “We shall overcome because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it
16 bends toward justice;” now therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
18 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
19 of Guam, recognize the participants of the 2012 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of
20 Service, and all those involved in Guam’s parallel pursuit of the continuing legacy of
21 enhanced voter rights that is Reverend King’s legacy; and be it further

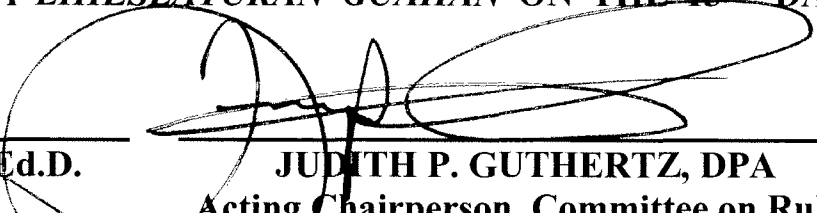
22 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee of Rules
23 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
24 the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Leah Beth Naholowaa, Director, Guam
25 Department of Labor; to Ms. Lagrimas (Pinki) Lujan, Chairperson, Serve Guam!
26 Commission; to Ms. Joannalynn Fullerton, Vice Chairperson, Serve Guam!

1 Commission; to Ms. Doris Aguon, Program Manager; to the Members of the Board
2 and staff; to Dr. Robert A. Underwood, the Guam Volunteer Center, University of
3 Guam; to the AmeriCorps Program Directors: George L. Salas, Sanctuary,
4 Incorporated; Julie Ulloa-Heath, AmeriCorps UOG Success Center; Reverend
5 Michael Crisostomo, IHOM Life Corps, AmeriCorps; Zina Ruiz, *Pa'a* AmeriCorps;
6 to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate to the United States
7 Congress; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'láhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 13TH DAY
OF JANUARY 2012.**



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