

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 104 (COR)

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Relative to commending the Serve Guam Commission for its service and commitment to our community, most especially during “Americorps Week”, from May 8 to 16, 2009.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**

2 ***MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS, “AmeriCorps Week 2009” is the time to salute the**
4 **AmeriCorps members, the Guam AmeriCorps Alumni Chapter, and the**
5 **Guam Volunteer Center, in partnership with the University of Guam, the**

1 military, the island community, and the Governor's Serve Guam!
2 Commission, for the powerful impact their dedication and demonstrated
3 action to our community, and public service by individuals, has on building a
4 better, more livable community; and

5 **WHEREAS**, "AmeriCorps Week 2009" is the time to thank the many
6 community partners for their efforts recruiting, recognizing, encouraging and
7 motivating volunteers to continue to promote the ethic of service and
8 volunteering, since its creation in 1994, in our island community with the
9 motto "We're Counting On You!" to serve; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the U. S. Congress recently passed the Edward M. Kennedy
11 Serve America Act, a bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the Corporation for
12 National and Community Service and to engage more Americans in service,
13 including, a major expansion of AmeriCorps to focus on the critical national
14 issues of education, health, clean energy, veterans, and economic opportunity;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, the AmeriCorps national service program has proven to be
17 a highly effective way to engage Americans of all ages and backgrounds in
18 meeting a wide range of community needs, demonstrating the AmeriCorps
19 value as a powerful catalyst and force multiplier; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the current economic downturn means more Americans are
21 facing hardships, and volunteering and national service is needed now, more
22 than ever; and

1 **WHEREAS**, since 1994, six hundred eighty-seven (687) AmeriCorps
2 members from Guam have taken the AmeriCorps pledge “get things done for
3 America”, after becoming members. They have served a total of seven
4 hundred twenty-seven thousand seven hundred five (727,705) hours of
5 service, which helped improve the lives of our island’s most vulnerable
6 citizens, by strengthening our educational system, protecting our
7 environment, and contributing to our health, homeland security, public
8 safety, and other unmet human needs; and as members, in return for their
9 service, have earned One Million Seven Hundred Fifty-one Thousand Five
10 Hundred Sixty-five Dollars (\$1,751,565) in Segal AmeriCorps Education
11 Awards, to further their own educational advancement at colleges and
12 universities; and

13 **WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps was designed to give a key role to state
14 commissions in deciding where resources should be directed to meet state and
15 local needs, such as, the state plan under the Governor’s Serve Guam!
16 Commission; and

17 **WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps members, after their term of service, remain
18 engaged in our communities as volunteers, teachers, public servants and non-
19 profit leaders in disproportionately high levels, which has strengthened our
20 island community through the support of the efforts of nonprofit, community,
21 educational, faith-based, government and military community groups, and

1 have leveraged additional funds and in-kind donations from other sources;
2 now, therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
5 people of Guam, commend the Serve Guam! Commission for improving lives,
6 strengthening communities, and fostering civic engagement through service
7 and volunteering, most especially during "AmeriCorps Week 2009" from May
8 8 to 16, 2009; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
10 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
11 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Maria Connelley, Director,
12 and Erica Unpingco, Deputy Director, Guam Department of Labor; to Peter
13 Barcinas, Chairman, the Serve Guam! Commission and staff; to Doris Aguon,
14 Program Manager, and Scholastica Rivera, Program Officer, Serve Guam!
15 Commission; to Dr. Robert A. Underwood, partnered with Serve Guam!
16 Commission - Guam Volunteer Center situated at the University of Guam; to
17 Admiral William French, Military Joint Region Marianas, AmeriCorps
18 Programs; to Bobbie Roberto, Micronesian Business Association -Impact
19 Today!; to Claudia Taitano, AmeriCorps University of Guam Success Center;
20 to George L. Salas, Sanctuary, Incorporated, *Ayuda Para I Komunidad*; to
21 Nicole Calvo, *Pa'a Taotao Tano' - Pa'a AmeriCorps Community Linala y*

- 1 *Kuturan Chamorro*; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen*
- 2 *Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 8TH DAY OF MAY, 2009.



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Acting Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



RORY J. RESPICIO
Acting Legislative Secretary