

I MINA 'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to extending a sincere *Biba Kompliaños* to the Serve Guam! Commission on the celebration of its "Fourth (4th) Anniversary", and to commending 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**

2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, on June 2, 2005, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* established a
4 Commission on National and Community Service, referred to and known as
5 the Serve Guam! Commission, through Executive Order 2005-22 and on June
6 30, 2005, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* appointed fourteen (14) commissioners to guide
7 Guam and the Commission in community service efforts; and

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

14 **WHEREAS**, the Commission seeks to build the infrastructure of
15 nonprofits and communities to create more volunteer opportunities, and to
16 respond to significant community challenges through citizen mobilization and
17 increasing the level of individual engagement in volunteer activities; and

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

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

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

12 **WHEREAS**, building on the success from the President's call to service,
13 the Serve Guam! Commission's efforts over the coming years will focus on six
14 (6) major areas: increasing volunteer recruitment, training, and support by
15 AmeriCorps; ensuring that AmeriCorps State and National, and VISTA
16 extensively support the spectrum of community volunteer connector
17 organizations; utilizing participants in national service programs to provide
18 volunteer coordination and management support for organizations, especially
19 smaller organizations that rely on volunteers; ensuring organizations are
20 partnering with faith-based and other community organizations to help meet
21 community needs; building the capacity of local communities to organize

1 citizens to respond effectively to disasters; and, using the national platform to
2 recognize volunteers; now, therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the
4 people of Guam, commend the Serve Guam! Commission for improving lives,
5 strengthening communities, and fostering civic engagement through service
6 and volunteering, and does recognize June 2, 2009, as the “Fourth (4th)
7 Anniversary” of the Serve Guam! Commission; and be it further

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

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 27TH DAY OF MAY 2009.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.
SPEAKER



TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Legislative Secretary