

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2009 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 167-30 (LS)**

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**Relative to commending and extending congratulations to the Serve Guam! Commission Commissioners, staff, and the Guam Department of Labor on the First Anniversary of the Guam Volunteer Center for our island.**

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

2   **GUÅHAN:**

3           **WHEREAS**, the Serve Guam! Commission remains committed to  
4 building a culture of service, citizenship, and responsibility; and

5           **WHEREAS**, Guam's Volunteer Center, in partnership with Dr.  
6 Robert Underwood, President of the University of Guam; Rear Admiral  
7 Douglas Biesel, Joint Region Marianas; and Dorothy Borlas, President,  
8 Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association, celebrates its First  
9 Anniversary as a one-stop volunteer center bringing together individuals  
10 for the betterment of our communities, as part of the President's USA  
11 Freedom Corps initiatives and America's "armies of compassion" – those  
12 who are looking to serve a cause greater than themselves to help others in  
13 need; and

14           **WHEREAS**, on April 21, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the  
15 Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act. The Serve America Act  
16 reauthorizes and expands national service programs administered by the  
17 Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency created  
18 in 1993; and

19           **WHEREAS**, the Serve Guam! Commission increases and enhances  
20 opportunities for our island community of all ages to serve by increasing

1 and strengthening our island's civic infrastructure through social  
2 innovation, volunteer mobilization, and building nonprofit capacity; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Commission's goals are to encourage our island's  
4 strong ethic of civic responsibility and rich traditions of community  
5 involvement; to ensure a serious role for service and volunteerism; to  
6 connect Guam residents from diverse backgrounds and experience to find  
7 solutions to problems together; and to nurture the growth and emergence  
8 of Guam's next generation; and

9 **WHEREAS**, nonprofits today face the challenge of an increased  
10 demand for services and the problem of diminished resources. They turn  
11 to volunteers who can provide vital support to help them continue to meet  
12 growing needs by mentoring and tutoring, homework assistance,  
13 responding to disasters, assisting in building homes, preservation of the  
14 environment, ensuring a brighter future for all America's youth, engaging  
15 youths in communities, harnessing baby boomers' experience, and  
16 mobilization of other volunteers; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Commission is necessary to advise and assist the  
18 office of *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* in the development of a comprehensive,  
19 island-wide service plan for promoting volunteer involvement and civic  
20 responsibility; now, therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
22 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Serve  
23 Guam! Commission on the First Anniversary of the Guam Volunteer

1 Center for our island; and further commends Guam Department of Labor  
2 Director, Maria Connelley and Deputy Director, Erica Unpingco; The Serve  
3 Guam! Commission Chair, Peter Barcinas and Vice-Chair, Doris  
4 Crisostomo; the Finance Sub-committee, Joseph Claveria and Danilo  
5 Rapadas; Guam Department of Labor Administrative Service Officer,  
6 Helen Mafnas; Program Management, Catalina Cruz and Antoinette Blas;  
7 Marketing & Outreach Members, Mayor Melissa Savares, Lagrimas (Pinki)  
8 Lujan, Eloise Sanchez, Rita Cruz (Walsh), Dometila Aquilazan, and Devin  
9 Frazier; Serve Guam! Commission Program Manager, Doris Aguon; Serve  
10 Guam Commission Program Officer, Scholastica Rivera and Office Staff,  
11 Danica Gascon, Jesiree Fejaran and Tiffany San Nicolas; and the  
12 Corporation for National and Community Service for improving lives,  
13 strengthening communities, and fostering civic engagement through  
14 service and volunteering; and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary  
16 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter  
17 transmitted to the Guam Department of Labor, the Serve Guam!  
18 Commission; to the Program Directors of the AmeriCorps Programs:  
19 Claudia Taitano, UOG AmeriCorps Success Center; George L. Salas,  
20 Sanctuary, Incorporated- *Ayuda Para I Komunidad*; to Carmen San Nicolas,  
21 Micronesian Business - Impact Today!; to Nicole Calvo, *Pa'a* AmeriCorps;  
22 to Guam AmeriCorps Alumni Chapter (GAAC) Chair, Vanessa Leon  
23 Guerrero; to Ann Marie Arceo, *Hurao* AmeriCorps; to Reverend Mike

- 1 Crisostomo, IHOM Life Corps AmeriCorps; and to the Honorable Felix P.
- 2 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2009.**



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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
Speaker



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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary