

MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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**Relative to commending and recognizing the Serve
Guåhan Commission on the celebration of "*AmeriCorps*
Week", from May 4 to May 15, 2010.**

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

2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, “AmeriCorps Week 2010” is the time to salute the
4 Governor’s Serve *Guåhan* Commission; the AmeriCorps members; the
5 Guam AmeriCorps Alumni Chapter; Guam AmeriCorps*VISTA; the
6 Guam Volunteer Center in partnership with the University of Guam; the
7 HOPE Foundation; the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association;
8 Pay-Less Markets Community Foundation, Inc.; United States and local
9 military members; and the local and federal government agencies for their
10 services, to thank our island community partners, and to encourage more
11 volunteers into service; and

12 **WHEREAS**, one hundred seventy-six (176) AmeriCorps members,
13 AmeriCorps Alums and AmeriCorps*VISTA mentors and tutors provide
14 assistance, with the Governor’s *Guåhan* Volunteer Center, to give back to
15 our island citizens and communities, our state, and our country in an
16 intensive way; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the United States Congress recently passed the “Edward
18 M. Kennedy Serve America Act”, a bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the
19 Corporation for National and Community Service, and engage more
20 Americans in service, including a major expansion of AmeriCorps to focus
21 on critical national issues of education, health, clean energy, veterans, and
22 economic opportunity; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Congress sets AmeriCorps on a path to grow to
2 two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) members by the year 2017; and

3 **WHEREAS**, service to others is a hallmark of the American character,
4 and throughout our history, citizens have stepped up to meet our
5 challenges by volunteering in their communities; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the AmeriCorps national service program has proven to
7 be a highly effective way to engage Americans in meeting national and
8 community needs, since its creation in 1994; and

9 **WHEREAS**, since 1994, over one thousand (1,000) AmeriCorps
10 members from Guam have taken the AmeriCorps pledge: “*get things done*
11 *for America*”, and by becoming members, they have served over one million
12 (1,000,000) hours to help to improve the lives of our island’s most
13 vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system, public safety, and
14 other unmet human needs; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Governor’s Serve *Guåhan* Commission was
16 designated to have the key role in deciding where AmeriCorps resources
17 should be directed to meet state and local needs through the strategic plan;
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps members, AmeriCorps Alums and
20 AmeriCorps*VISTA, after their terms of service end, remain engaged in our
21 communities as volunteers, teachers, public servants, and nonprofit leaders
22 in disproportionately high levels; now, therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
2 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and recognize the *Serve Guåhan*
3 *Commission* for improving lives, strengthening communities, and fostering
4 civic engagement through service and volunteer work, on the observance
5 of May 4 to May 15, 2010; as "*AmeriCorps Week*"; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Legislative Secretary
7 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
8 transmitted to Ms. Maria Connelley, Director, and Ms. Erica Unpingco,
9 Deputy Director, Guam Department of Labor; to Mr. Peter Barcinas,
10 Chairman, and Ms. Doris Aguon, Program Manager, *Serve Guåhan*
11 Commission; to Dr. Robert A. Underwood, President, University of Guam-
12 partnered with the *Serve Guåhan* Commission – Guam Volunteer Center; to
13 Government, Military-Joint Region Marianas; to the HOPE Foundation; to
14 Ms. Lulu Dueñas and Ms. Josephine Mesa, Guam Memorial Hospital
15 Volunteers Association; to Ms. Kathy Sgro and Mr. Mike Benito, Pay-Less
16 Markets Community Foundation, Inc.; to Ms. Claudia Taitano, Program
17 Director; to Mr. George L. Salas, AmeriCorps UOG Success Center; to
18 Sanctuary, Inc.; *Ayuda Para I Komunidat*; to Ms. Zina Ruis, *Pa'a Taotao Tano'*
19 – *Pa'a AmeriCorps*; to Ms. Anna Marie Arceo, *Hurao AmeriCorps*; to Rev.
20 Michael Crisostomo, Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHOM) Life Corps
21 AmeriCorps; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 26TH DAY OF APRIL 2010.



Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker



Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary