

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 423-30 (LS)

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Relative to commending the Serve *Guåhan!* Commission Board of Commissioners and its staff, the *Guåhan* Department of Labor, the AmeriCorps Programs, the *Guåhan* AmeriCorps Alumni Chapter, the *Guåhan* AmeriCorps*VISTA, and the *Guåhan* Volunteer Center, in partnership with the University of *Guåhan*, for their continued service for our island.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act was signed by
4 President Barack Obama on April 21, 2009, which put the expansion of
5 national service on the path to grow to two hundred fifty thousand (250,000)
6 positions by 2017, thereby increasing service opportunities for students and
7 older Americans, to focus service on key national priorities, and to increase
8 efficiency and accountability; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Governor's Serve *Guahan!* Commission continues to
10 successfully establish and implement three (3) national programs and the
11 *Guåhan* Volunteer Center, since the establishment of the Serve *Guahan!*
12 Commission in 2005; and

13 **WHEREAS**, on August 28, 2008, the Governor's *Guahan* Volunteer
14 Center was established, in partnership with the University of *Guåhan*, and its
15 President, Dr. Robert A. Underwood; and

16 **WHEREAS**, on February 3, 2009, the *Guåhan* AmeriCorps Alumni
17 Chapter was established to advance the Governor's strategic plan, and to
18 make a difference in our island community by inspiring national service
19 alumni, mobilizing for change, and to continue the mission of AmeriCorps
20 programs to serve the community through its alumni and national chapter,

1 and in partnership with community organizations, non-profits, faith-based
2 groups, businesses, and government and federal agencies; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on May 4, 2010, the *Guåhan* AmeriCorps*VISTA was
4 established, and it recruited two (2) members to specifically fight poverty.
5 Founded as Volunteers in Service to America in 1965, and incorporated into
6 the AmeriCorps network of programs in 1993, VISTA has been on the front
7 lines in the fight against poverty in America for more than forty (40) years;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Governor's Serve *Guåhan!* Commission, the *Guåhan*
10 Department of Labor, and the University of Massachusetts Boston will
11 conduct training and technical assistance presentations on the Edward M.
12 Kennedy Serve America Act for organizations that serve Guam's disability
13 community, providing assistance, expertise and information on the expansion,
14 disability inclusion, innovation and impact for the service, and volunteerism;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Serve *Guåhan!* Commission promotes service for young
17 people and advocates for youth; it champions the efforts to help young people
18 make informed and responsible decisions, and to put them on the path to a
19 lifetime of service; and it uses its domestic and international work for learning
20 and disseminating lessons across borders; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Serve *Guåhan!* Commission will build on its success
22 from the President's and the Governor's call to service over the coming years

1 to focus on guiding principles, such as: service as a solution in identifying and
2 targeting resources to tackle issues, and to better demonstrate impact; expand
3 opportunities to serve in connecting with our island citizens and provide easy
4 access to service opportunities to fit their needs and engage them in a lifetime
5 of service; build enduring capacity to enable individuals, organizations and
6 communities to become more effective in addressing pressing challenges and
7 to use service as a lasting solution; embrace innovation and invest in models
8 that work, find new ways of doing business, and serve as a source of ideas for
9 local communities; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
11 behalf of the people of Guam, commend the *Serve Guåhan!* Commission for
12 improving lives, strengthening communities, and fostering civic engagement
13 through service and volunteering; and does further extend a sincere *Un*
14 *Dangkolo na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* to the *Serve Guåhan* Commission Board of
15 Commissioners and staff, the *Guåhan* Department of Labor, the AmeriCorps
16 Programs, the *Guåhan* AmeriCorps Alumni Chapter, the *Guåhan*
17 AmeriCorps*VISTA, and the *Guåhan* Volunteer Center, in partnership with
18 the University of *Guåhan*, for their continued service for our island; and be it
19 further

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
21 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
22 transmitted to Maria Connelley, Director, and Erica Unpingco, Deputy

1 Director, *Guåhan* Department of Labor; to Peter Barcinas, Chairman, and Pinki
2 Lujan, Vice-Chairperson, and staff; to Doris Aguon, Program Manager, Serve
3 *Guåhan* Commission; to Dr. Robert A. Underwood, President, University of
4 Guam, in partnership with the *Guåhan* Volunteer Center; to the H.O.P.E.
5 Foundation; to First Lady Joann G. Camacho; to Pay-Less Markets
6 Community Foundation, Inc.; to Joint Region Marianas; to the *Guåhan*
7 Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association; to the Three National Programs:
8 AmeriCorps Programs; to the Program Directors; to George L. Salas,
9 Sanctuary, Incorporated, *Ayuda Para I Komunidat*; to Dr. Julie Ulloa-Heath,
10 AmeriCorps University of Guam Success Center; to Zina Ruiz, *Pa'a*
11 AmeriCorps; to Anna Arceo, *Huråo* AmeriCorps; to Rev. Michael Crisostomo,
12 IHOM Life Corp AmeriCorps, CNCS; to Laurie Cannady,
13 AmeriCorps*VISTA; to Carmelita San Nicolas, *Guåhan* AmeriCorps Alumni
14 Chapter; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 16TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2010.**


BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker


TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary