

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

Introduced by:

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**RELATIVE TO COMMENDING THE SERVE GUAM
COMMISSION AND RECOGNIZING MAY 8 – 16, 2009,
AS AMERICORPS WEEK.**

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'**
2 **TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS,** AmeriCorps Week 2009 is the time to salute AmeriCorps
4 members, Guam AmeriCorps Alumni Chapter, Guam Volunteer Center in
5 partnership with the University of Guam, Military, Island community and the
6 Governor's Serve Guam! Commission for the powerful impact their
7 dedication demonstrated action to community and public service by
8 individuals has on building a better more livable community; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Americorps Week 2009 is the time to thank the many
10 community partners in recruiting, recognizing, encouraging and motivating
11 volunteer's to continue to promote the ethic of service and volunteering since
12 its creation in 1994 in our island community with "We're Counting On You!"
13 to serve ; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Congress recently passed the Edward M. Kennedy Serve
2 America Act, bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the Corporation for
3 National and Community Service and engage more Americans in service,
4 including a major expansion of AmeriCorps to focus on critical national issues
5 of education, health, clean energy, veterans, and economic opportunity; and

6 **WHEREAS**, The AmeriCorps national service program has proven to
7 be a highly effective way to engage Americans of all ages and backgrounds in
8 meeting a wide range of community needs, demonstrating AmeriCorps value
9 as a powerful catalyst and force multiplier; and

10 **WHEREAS**, The current economic downturn means more Americans
11 are facing hardships, and volunteering and national service is needed more
12 than ever; and

13 **WHEREAS**, since 1994, six hundred eighty-seven (687) AmeriCorps
14 members from Guam, have taken the AmeriCorps pledge, “get things done
15 for America”, by becoming members, they have served a total of seven
16 hundred twenty-seven thousand seven hundred and five (727,705) hours of
17 service, which helped improve the lives of our islands most vulnerable
18 citizens, by strengthening our educational system; protecting our
19 environment, and contributing to our health, homeland security, public
20 safety, and other unmet human needs, and as members, in return for their
21 service, each have earned one million seven hundred fifty one thousand five

1 hundred and sixty-five (\$1,751,565) million dollars in Segal AmeriCorps
2 Education Awards to further their own educational advancement at colleges
3 and universities; and

4 **WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps was designed to give a key role to state
5 commission in deciding where resources should be directed to meet state and
6 local needs through the state plan under the Governor's Serve Guam!
7 Commission; and

8 **WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps members after their term of service remain
9 engaged in our communities as volunteers, teachers, public servants, and non
10 profit leaders in disproportionately high levels which has strengthened our
11 island community through the support the efforts of nonprofit, community,
12 educational, faith-based, government and military community groups and
13 have leveraged additional funds and in-kind donations from others sources;
14 and

15 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* commends The Serve Guam
16 Commission for improving lives, strengthening communities, and fostering
17 civic engagement through service and volunteering and recognizes May 8 -16,
18 2009, as AmeriCorps Week ; and be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
20 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption

1 hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Maria
2 Connelley, Director, and Erica Unpingco, Deputy Director, Guam Department
3 of Labor; Peter Barcinas, Chairman, and staff; Doris Aguon, Program
4 Manager, Scholastica Rivera, Program Officer, Serve Guam Commission;
5 Dr. Robert A. Underwood partnered with Serve Guam! Commission - Guam
6 Volunteer Center situated at the University of Guam; Admiral William
7 French, Military - Joint Region Marianas, AmeriCorps Programs: Program
8 Director's; Bobbie Roberto, Micronesian Business Association -Impact Today!;
9 Claudia Taitano, AmeriCorps University of Guam Success Center; George L.
10 Salas, Sanctuary, Incorporated, Ayuda Para I Komunidat; Nicole Calvo, Pa'a
11 Taotao Tano' – Pa'a AmeriCorps Community Linala y Kuturan Chamorro,
12 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE ____
DAY OF _____ 2009.**

**JUDITH T. WON PAT
SPEAKER**

**TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature**