

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. *R 167-30 (LS)*

Introduced by:

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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,** Serve Guam! Commission remain committed to building a
4 culture of service, citizenship, and responsibility; and

5 **WHEREAS,** the First Anniversary of Guam's Volunteer Center in
6 partnership with Dr. Robert Underwood, President of the University of
7 Guam, REAR Adm. Douglass Biesel, Joint Region Marianas, Dorothy Borlas,
8 President, Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association, and as a One-
9 Stop Volunteer Center to realize opportunities to bring together individuals
10 for the betterment of our communities included in the President's USA
11 Freedom Corps initiatives America's "armies of compassion" – those who are
12 looking to serve a cause greater than themselves to help others in need; and

13 **WHEREAS,** On April 21, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the

1 Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act. The Serve America Act reauthorizes
2 and expands national service programs administered by the Corporation for
3 National and Community Service, a federal agency created in 1993; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The Serve Guam! Commission increases and enhance
5 opportunities for our island community of all ages to serve by increasing and
6 strengthen our island's civic infrastructure through social innovation,
7 volunteer mobilization, and building nonprofit capacity; and

8 **WHEREAS,** it is the Commission's goals to encourage our islands
9 strong ethic of civic responsibility and rich traditions of community
10 involvement; to ensure a serious role for service and volunteerism and to
11 connect Guam residents from diverse backgrounds and experience to find
12 solutions to problems together; and to nurture the growth and emergence of
13 Guam's next generation; and

14 **WHEREAS,** Nonprofits today face the challenge of increased demand
15 for services and the problem of diminished resources. They turn to volunteers
16 who can provide vital support to help them continue to meet growing needs;
17 by mentoring and tutoring, homework assist, respond to disasters, assist in
18 building homes, preservation of the environment, ensuring a brighter future
19 for all America's Youth, engaging youths in communities, harnessing baby
20 boomers' experience, and mobilization of other volunteers; and

21 **WHEREAS,** the Commission is necessary to advise and assist the office
22 of *I Maga'lahren Guåhan* in the development of a comprehensive, island-wide

1 service plan for promoting volunteer involvement and civic responsibility;
2 now, therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
4 behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam commend and
5 congratulate the Serve Guam! Commission on the First Anniversary of the
6 Guam Volunteer Center for our island; and be it further

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

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
21 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be
22 thereafter transmitted to the Guam Department of Labor, The Serve Guam!
23 Commission; and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the

1 Program Directors' of the AmeriCorps programs': Claudia Taitano, UOG
2 AmeriCorps Success Center, George L. Salas, Sanctuary, Incorporated- Ayuda
3 Para I Komunidat; Carmen San Nicolas, Micronesian Business - Impact
4 Today!; Nicole Calvo, Pa'a AmeriCorps; Guam AmeriCorps Alumni Chapter
5 (GAAC) Chair, Vanessa L.G., Ann Marie Arceo, Hurao AmeriCorps, Rev.
6 Mike Crisostomo, IHOM Life Corps AmeriCorps and to the Honorable Felix
7 P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature