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Resolution No. 347-30 (LS)

Introduced by:

FRANK B. AGUON JR.



Relative to commending the *Serve Guahan Commission* and recognizing the celebration of "*AmeriCorps Week*" during the week of May 4 to May 15, 2010.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA L IHESLATURAN
2 GUÅHAN:

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

11 WHEREAS, 176 AmeriCorps members, AmeriCorps Alums and
12 AmeriCorps*VISTA mentors and tutors provide assistance with the

1 Governor's Guahan Volunteer Center to give back in an intensive way to
2 our island citizens and communities, our state, and our country; and

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

9 **WHEREAS**, U.S. Congress sets AmeriCorps on a path to grow to
10 250,000 members by the year 2017; and

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

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

17 **WHEREAS**, since 1994, approximately over one thousand (1,000)
18 AmeriCorps members from Guam, have taken the AmeriCorps pledge: "*get*
19 *things done for America*", and by becoming members, they have served over
20 an approximate total of one million (1,000,000) hours to help to improve
21 the lives of our island's most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our
22 educational system, public safety, and other unmet human needs; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Governor’s Serve Guahan Commission was
2 designated the key role to decide where AmeriCorps resources should be
3 directed to meet state and local needs through the strategic plan; and

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

8 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the
9 people of Guam, commend the *Serve Guahan Commission* for improving
10 lives, strengthening communities, and fostering civic engagement through
11 service and volunteer work, and recognizing May 4 to May 15, 2010 as
12 “*AmeriCorps Week*”; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certifies and the Legislative Secretary
14 attests to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
15 transmitted to Ms. Maria Connelley, Director, and Ms. Erica Unpingco,
16 Deputy Director, Guam Department of Labor; Mr. Peter Barcinas,
17 Chairman, and Ms. Doris Aguon, Program Manager, Serve Guahan
18 Commission; Dr. Robert A. Underwood, President, University of Guam-
19 partnered with Serve Guahan Commission – Guam Volunteer Center;
20 Government, Military-Joint Region Marianas; HOPE Foundation; Ms. Lulu
21 Dueñas and Ms. Josephine Mesa, Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteer
22 Association; Ms. Kathy Sgro and Mr. Mike Benito, Pay-Less Markets
23 Community Foundation, Inc.; Ms. Claudia Taitano, Program Director; Mr.

1 George L. Salas, AmeriCorps UOG Success Center; Sanctuary, Inc. Ayuda
2 Para I Komunidat; Ms. Zina Ruis, Pa'a Taotao Tano' – Pa'a AmeriCorps;
3 Ms. Anna Marie Arceo, Hurao AmeriCorps; Rev. Michael Crisostomo,
4 Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHOM) Life Corp AmeriCorps; and to the
5 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga' Lâhen Guåhan*.

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

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature