

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Relative to commending the Serve *Guåhan!* Commission Board of Commissioners, 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 GUÅHAN:

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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 national  
5 service on the path to grow to two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) positions by  
6 2017, thereby increasing service opportunities for students and older Americans, to  
7 focus service on key national priorities, and to increase efficiency and accountability;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the Governor's Serve *Guahan!* Commission continues to  
10 successfully establish and implement three (3) national programs and the *Guåhan*

1 Volunteer Center since the establishment of the Serve *Guahan!* Commission in 2005;  
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3 **WHEREAS**, on August 28, 2008, the Governor's *Guahan* Volunteer Center  
4 was established in partnership with the University of *Guåhan*, and its President, Dr.  
5 Robert A. Underwood; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on February 3, 2009, the *Guåhan* AmeriCorps Alumni Chapter  
7 was established to advance the Governor's strategic plan and to make a difference in  
8 our island community by inspiring national service alumni, mobilizing for change, and  
9 to continue the mission of AmeriCorps programs to serve the community through its  
10 alumni and national chapter, and in partnership with community organizations, non-  
11 profits, faith-based groups, businesses, government and federal agencies; and

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

17 **WHEREAS**, the Governor's Serve *Guåhan!* Commission and the *Guåhan*  
18 Department of Labor, and the University of Massachusetts Boston will conduct  
19 training and technical assistance presentations on The Edward M. Kennedy Serve  
20 America Act for organizations that serve Guam's disability community providing  
21 assistance, expertise and information on the expansion, disability inclusion,  
22 innovation and impact for the service and volunteerism; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Serve *Guåhan!* Commission promotes service for young  
24 people and advocates for youth; it champions the efforts to help young people make  
25 informed and responsible decisions, and to put them on the path to a lifetime of

1 service; and it uses its domestic and international work for learning and disseminating  
2 lessons across borders; and

3       **WHEREAS**, the *Serve Guåhan!* Commission will build on its success from  
4 the President's and the Governor's call to service over the coming years to focus on  
5 guiding principles, such as: service as a solution in identifying and targeting resources  
6 to tackle issues, and to better demonstrate impact; expand opportunities to serve in  
7 connecting with our island citizens and provide easy access to service opportunities to  
8 fit their needs and engage them in a lifetime of service; build enduring capacity to  
9 enable individuals, organizations and communities to become more effective in  
10 addressing pressing challenges and to use service as a lasting solution; embrace  
11 innovation and invest in models that work, find new ways of doing business, and  
12 serve as a source of ideas for local communities; now, therefore, be it

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

22       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Legislative Secretary  
23 attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter  
24 transmitted Maria Connelley, Director, and Erica Unpingco, Deputy Director,  
25 *Guåhan* Department of Labor; Peter Barcinas, Chairman, Pinki Lujan, Vice-

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