

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2012 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 301-31(COR)

Introduced by:

Judith P. Guthertz, DPA

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Relative to recognizing the participants of the 2012 Martin Luther King Day of Service celebrated on January 16, 2012, and to memorialize Dr. King's ongoing call to action.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA TRENTAI***
2 ***UNU NA LIHESLATURNAN GUAHAN***

3 **WHEREAS**, the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, Monday, January 16,
4 2012, has been designated by Guam law as a means to honor and celebrate Dr. King's life
5 and legacy by helping our neighbors and communities and by promoting his message of
6 equality, social justice, and opportunity for all; and

7 **WHEREAS**, this day, also designated an official Guam holiday, recognizes a true
8 leader who continues to serve as a shining example as Guam seeks its appropriate full
9 recognition as a member of the American family; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service is fully supported by the
11 Governor's Serve Guam! Commission, Guam Department of Labor, The National and
12 Community Service (CNCS), Guam Volunteer Center and the three (3) national
13 programs: AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps Alums and AmeriCorps*VISTA; our five (5)

AmeriCorps Programs: Sanctuary Incorporated, AmeriCorps UOG Success Center, IHOM Life Corp AmeriCorps, Pa'a AmeriCorps, Guma' Mami AmeriCorps; and

WHEREAS, the ceremony marking the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service is to be held on January 16, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at the Agana Shopping Center Court; and

WHEREAS, during the 1950s and '60s, as America's foremost civil rights leader, the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. was able to take great strides in achieving voting rights for African-American citizens, who had long been denied this fundamental element of our society; and

WHEREAS, while Reverend King and his followers and supporters were able to win victories in voting rights in many American States, to this day in 2011, the citizens of the District of Columbia and the U.S. Territory of Guam continue to be disenfranchised from national elections; and

WHEREAS, due to our failure to achieve political status on par with most of the United States, American citizens resident in Guam continue to be denied the fundamental right to have a say in selecting our national leaders; and

WHEREAS, although Guam has been treated as U.S. soil since it was taken from the Spanish Crown by force of arms in 1898, its citizens were long subjected to rule by the U.S. military which could be, at the whim of individual commanders, arbitrary and capricious, much as were many local governments in the mainland United States in which persons of color were denied a say by systematic disenfranchisement; and

1 **WHEREAS**, it was only after a long history of American military rule, interrupted
2 by Japanese seizure of Guam and harsh treatment at the hands of that country during
3 World War II, that the people of Guam were ‘allowed’ to elect a Governor and
4 Legislature to represent them; and

5 **WHEREAS**, we do not enjoy the ironclad Constitutional civil rights guaranteed to
6 other American citizens; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the elements that reflect the honorable legacy of Dr. King and his
8 living teachings are seen in current events that are unfolding on Guam, including the
9 exercise of civic responsibility by our citizens in response to the present military buildup;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, in the spirit of Reverend King, Guam will redouble its efforts to
12 capture and enjoy the civil rights enjoyed by other Americans. As Reverend King said
13 in 1969, “We shall overcome because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends
14 toward justice;” now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’Trentai Unu Na*
16 *Liheislaturan Guåhan*, does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheislaturan Guåhan* and the people of
17 Guam, recognize the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service and Guam’s parallel pursuit
18 of the continuing legacy of enhanced voter rights that is Reverend King’s legacy; and be
19 it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
21 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the

1 same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Leah Beth Naholowaa, Director, Department of
2 Labor; to Ms. Lagrimas (Pinki) Lujan, Chairperson, Serve Guam! Commission; to Ms.
3 Joannalynn Fullerton, Vice Chairperson; to Ms. Doris Aguon, Program Manager; to the
4 Members of the Board and staff; to the Guam Volunteer Center, University of Guam,
5 Dr. Robert A. Underwood; to the AmeriCorps Program Directors: Sanctuary,
6 Incorporated, George L. Salas, AmeriCorps UOG Success Center, Julie Ulloa-Heath,
7 IHOM Life Corp AmeriCorps, Rev. Michael Crisostomo; Pa'a AmeriCorps, Zina Ruiz;
8 the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress;
9 and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I
MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY OF 2012.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker Chairperson,

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Legislative Secretary



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January 10, 2012

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators

From: Sen. Judi P. Guthertz, DPA

Subject: Presentation of Resolution No. 301-31 (COR)
Mon. Jan. 16, 2012 @ 10a.m. in the Center Court of the Agana Shopping Center

Please join me on Monday, January 16, 2012, at 10a.m. in the center court of the Agana Shopping Center as I present Resolution No. 301-31 (COR) to the 'Serve Guam! Commission.' The Resolution recognizes the Reverend Martin Luther "King Day of Service."

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C: All Senators
Executive Director, Sgt.-At-Arms
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