

I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 369-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

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**Relative to requesting that Guam Delegate to Congress
Madeline Z. Bordallo secure authorization and funding
for a United States Department of Labor (USDOL) Job
Corps Center in Guam.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor's "Job Corps"
is a no-cost, educational and vocational training program that helps
young people (ages 16 through 24) improve the quality of their lives
through vocational and academic training, by providing them with a
safe, drug-free environment where they can take advantage of the
resources provided to gain skills that can be used to secure meaningful
employment; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1964, and for nearly Fifty (50) years, Job
Corps has been training young adults for meaningful careers, currently
operating One Hundred Twenty-Five (125) Job Corps Centers in every

1 state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, however there is no Job
2 Corps Center in Guam; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Job Corps Centers employ holistic career
4 development training approaches that integrate the teaching of
5 academic and vocational employability skills with social competencies
6 through a variety of both classroom and practical learning experiences,
7 that help to prepare young people for stable, long-term, high-paying
8 jobs; and

9 **WHEREAS,** the Job Corps program provides individualized
10 instruction to meet the needs of each student, utilizing standard
11 eligibility criteria, while focusing on the core competencies of each
12 individual student in academic, vocational, information technology,
13 employability and independent living skills; and

14 **WHEREAS,** given the high rate of unemployment in Guam, our
15 territory is an ideal location for the services of a Job Corps center, to
16 provide young persons with the guidance and training necessary to
17 secure meaningful, long-term employment; and

18 **WHEREAS,** the median age of Guam's population is considerably
19 lower than that of the 50 states, with Guam's males an average of 6.6
20 years younger, and Guam's females 8.4 years younger than their

1 respective Mainland counterparts, suggests that a larger percentage of
2 young people in Guam could benefit from the Jobs Corps program than
3 could benefit in the rest of the country; and

4 **WHEREAS**, unfortunately for the youth of Guam, the nearest Job
5 Corps center is in Hawaii, some 3,800 miles away, and not easily
6 accessible to potential candidates from Guam who could benefit from
7 the services that would be provided if there were a Job Corps center
8 established in Guam; now therefore be it

9 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
10 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, petition Congresswoman
11 Madeleine Z. Bordallo to secure authorization and funding for the
12 establishment of a United States Department of Labor Job Corps center
13 in Guam; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative
15 Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
16 thereafter be transmitted to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam
17 Delegate to the United States Congress; to the Honorable Hilda L. Solis,
18 Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Labor; to George A.
19 Santos, Director, Guam Department of Labor; to Alfredo O. Antolin, Jr.,
20 Director, Guam Agency for Human Resources Development; to Adonis

1 J. Mendiola, Director, Guam Department of Youth Affairs; to Mary A. Y.
2 Okada, Ed.D., President, Guam Community College; to Robert A.
3 Underwood, P.h.D., President, University of Guam; and to the
4 Honorable Edward B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan.*

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

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary