

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

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294-32 (COR)	FRANK B. AGUON, JR.	Relative to memorializing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s ongoing call to action in advocating for equality, social justice and opportunity for all throughout the nation and further reaching the island community; and to further recognizing the participants of the 2014 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service celebrated on January 20, 2014	1/3/14 2:35 p.m.	01/20/14			01/16/14

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 294-32 (COR)

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Relative to memorializing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, ongoing call to action in advocating for equality, social justice and opportunity for all people throughout the nation and the island community; and to further recognizing the participants of the 2014 Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service celebrated on January 20, 2014.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS,** the 2014 Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service, celebrated on
4 Monday, January 20, 2014, is designated by Guam law as an official Guam holiday to
5 honor and celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, life and legacy of service by

1 helping our neighbors and communities; and by promoting his message of equality,
2 social justice, and opportunity for all people; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., changed our Nation forever through
4 his leadership, service, and clarity of vision; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in the brief time Dr. King walked upon this earth, he devoted his
6 life to strengthening the content of the American character, and called on our Nation
7 to live up to its founding principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all
8 its citizens; and

9 **WHEREAS**, through his determination, spirit and resolve, Dr. King helped to
10 lift up our souls and lead one of the greatest movements for equality and freedom in
11 history; and

12 **WHEREAS**, during the 1950s and 1960s, as America's foremost civil rights
13 leader, the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., was able to achieve great strides, finally
14 securing voting rights for African-American citizens, who had long been denied this
15 fundamental citizen's right of our democratic society; and

16 **WHEREAS**, while Reverend King and his followers and supporters were able
17 to win victories for voting rights in many American states, to this day in 2014, the
18 citizens of the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories of Guam, the U.S. Virgin
19 Islands, American Samoa, and Puerto Rico continue to be disenfranchised from voting
20 in national elections; and

21 **WHEREAS**, due to the continuation of a political status not on par with most
22 of the United States, American citizens and residents of Guam continue to be denied
23 the fundamental right to have a say in selecting our national leaders; and

24 **WHEREAS**, although Guam has been treated as a U.S. soil since it was taken
25 from the Spanish Crown by force of arms in 1898, its citizens were long subjected to
26 rule by the U.S. military, which could be, at the whim of individual commanders,

1 arbitrary and capricious, much as were many local governments in the mainland
2 United States, in which persons of color were denied a say by systematic
3 disenfranchisement; and

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

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

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

14 **WHEREAS**, the 2014 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service is fully
15 supported by the Governor’s Serve Guam! Commission; the Guam Department of
16 Labor; the National and Community Service (CNCS); the Agency for Human
17 Resources Development (AHRD); the Guam Volunteer Center, in partnership with the
18 University of Guam, and the three (3) national programs: AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps
19 Alums and AmeriCorps*VISTA; and our five (5) AmeriCorps programs: *Pa’a*
20 AmeriCorps; Sanctuary, Inc.; AmeriCorps Guam Homeland Security; AmeriCorps
21 *TATUHA* Inc. Guam Volunteer Center; and the AmeriCorps *Guåhan* Academy Youth
22 Project; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the ceremony marking the 2014 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
24 of Service is to be held on January 20, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., at the *Agaña* Shopping
25 Center Court; and

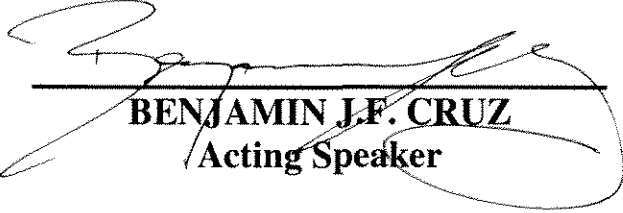
1 **WHEREAS**, in the spirit of Reverend King, Guam will redouble its efforts to
2 capture and enjoy the civil rights enjoyed by other Americans. As Reverend King
3 said in 1969, “We shall overcome because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it
4 bends toward justice”; now therefore, be it

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na*
6 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
7 people of Guam, acknowledge Guam’s parallel pursuit of the continuing legacy of
8 enhanced voter rights that is Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.’s, legacy; and does
9 further recognize the participants of the 2014 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of
10 Service; and be it further


11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
12 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
13 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Melissa Savares, Mayor of
14 *Dededo* and Chairperson, Serve Guam Commission; to Ms. Joannalynn Fullerton,
15 Vice Chairperson; to Ms. Doris Aguon, Executive Director; to the Members of the
16 Board and staff, Manuel Cruz, Director, Department of Labor; Alfredo Antolin,
17 Director, Agency for Human Resources Development; to the Guam Volunteer Center,
18 University of Guam, Dr. Robert A. Underwood; to the AmeriCorps Program
19 Directors, Sanctuary, Incorporated, George L. Salas and Mildred Lujan; AmeriCorps
20 UOG Success Center, Julie Ulloa-Heath; *Pa’a* AmeriCorps, Zina Ruiz and Linda
21 Reyes; AmeriCorps Guam Homeland Security, Patrick Leon Guererro, Ambrosio
22 Constantino, James McDonald, and Leo Espia; AmeriCorps *TATUHA* Inc., Guam
23 Volunteer Center (GVC), Vice Mayor Kenneth Santos, and the Honorable Mayor
24 Louise Rivera; the AmeriCorps *Guåhan* Academy Youth Project, Lisa Jensen and
25 Donna Dwiggin; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam’s Delegate to the

- 1 United States Congress; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren*
- 2 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 16TH DAY OF
JANUARY 2014.**



BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



RORY J. RESPICIO
Acting Legislative Secretary



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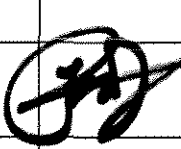
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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson					
SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA Vice-Chairperson	<i>via email</i>	<i>01/15/2014</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
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SENATOR VICENTE (Ben) C. PANGELINAN Member	<i>via email</i>	<i>01/16/2014</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. Member					
SENATOR FRANK BLAS AGUON, JR. Member		<i>01/15/14</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
SENATOR MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS Member					
SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA Minority Member					
SENATOR ALINE YAMASHITA Minority Member	<i>via email</i>	<i>01/15/2014</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

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