

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2006 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 118**

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**Relative to proclaiming January 15, 2006 as the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and honoring his hard work and dedication to the civil rights movement.**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**  
2        ***MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3        **WHEREAS,** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 to  
4        Martin Luther King, Sr. and Alberta Williams King in Atlanta, Georgia; and

5        **WHEREAS,** days after Rosa Parks refused to comply with the  
6        segregation law on buses in Montgomery, Alabama, on December 5, 1955, Dr.

1 King was elected President of the Montgomery Improvement Association and  
2 the Montgomery Bus Boycott commenced; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the United States Supreme Court declared Alabama's  
4 segregation laws unconstitutional and Montgomery buses were desegregated  
5 on December 20, 1956; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. summoned together a number  
7 of African American leaders in 1957 and laid the groundwork for the  
8 organization for civil rights movement known as the Southern Christian  
9 Leadership Conference; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was elected president of the  
11 Southern Christian Leadership and as an active member of many  
12 organizations fighting discrimination among African Americans and soon  
13 began helping other communities organize their own protests against  
14 discrimination; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led the 1957 Prayer Pilgrimage  
16 for Freedom in Washington, D.C., and later published his first book entitled  
17 "Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story;" and

18 **WHEREAS**, between 1957 and 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. traveled  
19 over six million miles (6,000,000,000) and spoke over twenty-five hundred  
20 (2500) times, appearing wherever there was injustice, protests, and action;  
21 and

22 **WHEREAS**, during that period, he also was able to produce five (5)  
23 books, as well as, numerous articles; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. traveled to India to learn more

1 of Gandhi's strategies of nonviolence and created his own theories to attain  
2 community change by way of nonviolent resistance; and

3 **WHEREAS**, during 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered one of  
4 the most supreme speeches in history titled "I have a dream" that illustrated  
5 his perseverance in leadership; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on November 2, 1983, President Ronald Wilson Reagan  
7 signed into law the first piece of legislation enacting a national day to  
8 recognize Dr. King's birthday as a holiday, which was submitted by  
9 Representative John Conyers (D-Michigan); and

10 **WHEREAS**, January 20, 1986 marked the first observance day of Dr.  
11 Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights  
13 Commission and the African American Heritage Committee,  
14 ComNavMarianas, in partnership with Serve Guam! Commission-  
15 AmeriCorps Program, are working collectively to develop a series of activities  
16 and programs to attain global peace; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Serve Guam! Commission-AmeriCorps Program in  
18 collaboration with the Guam Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights  
19 Commission will participate in the celebrations of the life and work of Dr.  
20 King; now, therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*  
22 *LiheSlaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I LiheSlaturan Guåhan* and the  
23 people of Guam, declare Monday, January 16, 2006, as the day  
24 commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and that he be

1 honored as a man who worked hard and dedicated his life to civil rights  
2 movements to better the lives of African Americans around the world;  
3 and, be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
5 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
6 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Claudette  
7 McGhee, Executive Director of Guam's Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights  
8 Commission; to Mr. Abraham Amison, President of Guam's Martin Luther  
9 King, Jr. Human Rights Commission; to the African American Heritage  
10 Committee; ComNav Marianas; Ms. Lisa Hoyer, Executive Director of Serve  
11 Guam! Commission-AmeriCorps Program; Dr. Rita Williams, Guest Speaker;  
12 Pastor Kyran John of Seventh Day Adventist Church; Indian Community of  
13 Guam; to the Honorable Madeline Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, U.S.  
14 House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*  
15 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF JANUARY 2006.**



**MARK FORBES**

**Speaker and  
Chairman, Executive Committee**



**EDWARD J.B. CALVO**

**Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature**