I MINA'BENTE ÑUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Executive Committee Resolution No. 13

Introduced by:

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Relative to observing Monday, January 15, 2007, as the Twenty-first (21st) celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, 'Remember! Celebrate! Act! – A Day On, Not A Day Off,' through activities and programs honoring his lifetime of achievement in the civil rights movement.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'BENTE ÑUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

3 WHEREAS, the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955, resulted from the 4 jailing of Mrs. Rosa Parks, who refused to give up her seat on a city bus to a white passenger, and was the turning point in the history of the Civil Rights
 movement and in the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, we are reminded of Dr. King's vision, leadership, quest for justice for all people, and his belief in racial equality could be achieved through non-violent protests, marches, and sit-ins which gained national media attention and changed public policy from segregation to integration; and

8 WHEREAS, non-violent protesters are dedicated to achieving vision Dr. 9 King set out, equal opportunities and access to education, employment, 10 housing, recreational facilities, hotels and other areas relating to human 11 rights; and

WHEREAS, when we reflect on the great causes that gave rise to this federal holiday celebration honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life, his work and sacrifices, we are mindful of how racial hate has erupted into physical violence, lost lives, destroyed property, and the imprisonment of innocent people; and

17 WHEREAS, through this celebration, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 18 Human Rights Commission, in partnership with Serve Guam, Commission-19 AmeriCorps Program; Department of Agriculture; Department of Youth 20 Affairs; University of Guam Success Center; Micronesia Business Association-21 Impact Today; Sanctuary, Inc.; Ayuda Para I Komunidat; will inspire, inform and raise the awareness of each citizen and encourage all to join in our 22 23 continued efforts to protect, preserve and achieve racial equality, human 24 rights and justice for all people; and

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WHEREAS, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Commission
 advocates for community participation in the celebration of the life,
 dedication, hard work, and vision of Dr. King; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ñuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
people of Guam, observe Monday, January 15, 2007, as the Twenty-first (21st)
celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, 'Remember! Celebrate!
Act! – A Day On, Not a Day Off' and honor his lifetime achievement in the
civil rights movement; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED,** that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ñuebi Na* 11 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the 12 people of Guam, is encouraged by Dr. King's vision, leadership, quest for 13 justice for all, and his belief that challenges each one of us to refuse to rest 14 until our Nation has fulfilled its pledge of liberty and justice for all people; 15 and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption 17 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Serve Guam! 18 19 Commission-AmeriCorps Program; to the Department of Agriculture; to the 20 Department of Youth Affairs; to the University of Guam Success Center; to the 21 Micronesia Business Association Impact Today; to Sanctuary, Inc.; to Ayuda 22 Para I Komunidat; to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Commission; 23 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I MINA'BENTE ÑUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 12TH DAY OF JANUARY 2007.

MARK FORBES

Speaker and Chairman, Executive Committee

RAY TENORIO

Senator and Secretary of the Legislature