

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 161

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Relative to observing Friday, January 11, 2008, as the 22nd Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Remember! Celebrate! Act! – A Day On, Not A Day Off" through activities and programs honoring his lifetime of achievement for his Civil Rights movement.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955, resulted from Mrs.
4 Rosa Parks being jailed who refused to give up her seat on a city bus to a

1 white passenger was the turning point in the history of the Civil Rights
2 movement and in the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

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

7 **WHEREAS**, non-violent protesters are dedicated to achieving this
8 vision Dr. King set out, specifically the Civil Rights Movement to provide
9 equal opportunities and access to education, employment, housing,
10 recreational facilities, hotels and other areas relating to human rights; and

11 **WHEREAS**, as we reflect on the great causes that gave utterance to this
12 federal holiday celebration in honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s life, his
13 work and sacrifices, we are mindful of the racial hate that erupted into
14 physical violence, lost lives, destroyed property, and the imprisonment of
15 innocent people; and

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

1 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Commission
2 advocates for the communities participation in the celebration of the life,
3 dedication, hard work, and vision of Dr. King in which he has produced
4 throughout the years; now, therefore, be it

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
6 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
7 people of Guam, observe Friday, January 11, 2008 as the 22nd celebration of Dr.
8 Martin Luther King, Jr. "Remember! Celebrate! Act! – A Day On, Not a Day
9 Off" and that he be honored for his lifetime achievement of his civil rights
10 movement; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that we are encouraged by Dr. King's vision, leadership,
12 justice for all, and belief that challenges each one of us to refuse to rest until
13 our Nation, our America has fulfilled its pledge of liberty and justice for all
14 people; and be it further


15 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
16 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
17 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Pete
18 Terlaje, Department of Agriculture; to Ms. Arleen Tedtaotao, Department of
19 Youth Affairs; to Ms. Bobbie Roberto, Micronesia Business Association Impact
20 Today; to Mr. George Salas, Sanctuary Guam; to Ms. Claudia Taitano,
21 University of Guam; to Ms. Maria Connelley, Director, Department of Labor
22 and Serve Guam! Commission; to Mr. Peter Barcinas, Serve Guam!
23 Commission; to Ms. Doris Aguon, Serve Guam! Commission; to Mr. Patrick
24 Wolff, *Inafa' Maolek*; to Mr. Art De Oro, *Inafa' Maolek*; to Dr. Martin Luther

- 1 King, Jr. Human Rights Commission; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho,
- 2 *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 11TH
DAY OF JANUARY 2008.**



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Acting Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



FRANK F. BLAS, JR.
Senator and Acting
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