

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 198

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Relative to declaring May 11 to 18, 2008 as “AmeriCorps Week” and saluting the AmeriCorps volunteers and alums for their dedication and positive impact to their communities, and their inspiring examples of service as a great motivation for all of us to give back to our island and to everyone in need.

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

3 **WHEREAS, the great spirit of service is alive and well in AmeriCorps**
4 **members and programs; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, Guam’s dedicated AmeriCorps members of all ages are a
2 great treasure; and

3 **WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps could be described as the “domestic Peace
4 Corps”, following in the same tradition as the Peace Corps established by
5 President John F. Kennedy; and

6 **WHEREAS**, since the inception of AmeriCorps in 1994 as a National
7 Service Program, it has proven to be a highly effective way to engage
8 Americans of all ages and backgrounds in meeting a wide range of local and
9 national needs and promoting the ethic of service and volunteerism; and

10 **WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps is the embodiment of the spirit of
11 volunteerism and service to our country. They tackle the toughest problems
12 in our communities - tutoring teens, starting neighborhood crime watches,
13 turning vacant lots into neighborhoods, helping communities clean up and
14 rebuild after natural disasters, providing literacy and work readiness skills,
15 caring for the elderly, and more. These contributions are essential to the
16 island’s economic and social well-being. AmeriCorps volunteers are
17 unflagging, unflinching and determined to make a difference; and

18 **WHEREAS**, on August 30, 2004, the National Director of AmeriCorps
19 encouraged Guam to establish a Commission on National and Community
20 Service as Guam's vehicle to apply for and manage national service programs,
21 to include AmeriCorps programs; and

22 **WHEREAS**, *I Maga' lãhen Guåhan* established a Commission on National
23 and Community Service, referred to and known as the "Serve Guam!

1 Commission", through Executive Order 2005-22 on June 2, 2005 and, on June
2 30, 2005, *I Maga' lãhen Guãhan* appointed fourteen (14) commissioners; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Serve Guam! Commission is dedicated to helping to
4 improve the lives of our island's most vulnerable citizens, protect our
5 environment, contribute to our public safety, respond to disasters, and
6 strengthen our educational system; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Commission's goals are to encourage Guam's strong
8 sense of civic responsibility, and rich tradition of community involvement;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, the AmeriCorps program, working closely with its Nation-
11 wide network of Governor-appointed state service commissions, has
12 strengthened America's nonprofit sector community groups in every
13 community in our Nation; and

14 **WHEREAS**, each year, AmeriCorps provides opportunities for
15 thousands of Americans to dedicate a year of intensive service with nonprofit
16 and community organizations; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in Guam alone, more than four hundred seventy (470) men
18 and women have taken the AmeriCorps pledge to "get things done for
19 America", actively building a culture of citizenship, service and responsibility
20 by becoming AmeriCorps members, since June 2007; and

1 **WHEREAS**, those AmeriCorps members have served a total of more
2 two hundred eighty five thousand (285,000) hours of service to the people of
3 Guam through the Serve Guam! Commission; and

4 **WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps members nationwide, in return for their
5 service, have earned more than \$1.4 billion in Segal AmeriCorps Education
6 Awards to use to further their own educational advancement at colleges and
7 universities- including more than \$4 million of these Education Awards that
8 has been awarded to residents of Guam; and


9 **WHEREAS**, many AmeriCorps alums remain engaged in their
10 communities even after their service, either working as teachers, non-profit
11 leaders or public servants; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
13 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
14 people of Guam, designate May 11 to 18, 2008 as “AmeriCorps Week” and
15 salute the AmeriCorps volunteers and alums for their dedication and positive
16 impact to their communities and their inspiring examples of service as a great
17 motivation for all of us to give back to our island and to everyone in need; and
18 be it further

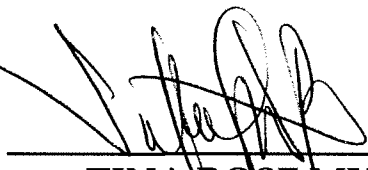
19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive
20 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
21 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Pete Terlaje,
22 Department of Agriculture; to Arleen Tedtaotao, Department of Youth Affairs;

- 1 Ms. Bobbie Roberto, Micronesian Business Association; to Claudia Taitano,
- 2 University of Guam; to Pat Wolff, *Inafa' Maolek*; and to the Honorable Felix P.
- 3 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 9TH
DAY OF MAY 2008.**



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TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature