

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 210

Introduced by:

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Relative to extending a sincere *Biba Kompliaños* to the Serve Guam! Commission on the celebration of their "Third (3rd) Anniversary", and to commending its Commissioners, staff and the Guam Department of Labor for their continued service to our island.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the National and Community Service Act of 1990, through
4 the Corporation for National and Community Service, makes grants to help
5 establish, operate and expand national service programs, such as AmeriCorps,

1 that provide training and technical assistance to national service programs;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, on February 27, 2004, President George W. Bush issued
4 Executive Order 13333.1, aimed at making national and community service
5 programs better able to engage Americans in volunteering, more responsive
6 to state and local needs, more accountable and effective, and more accessible
7 to faith-based and grassroots organizations; and

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

12 **WHEREAS**, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* established a Commission on National
13 and Community Service, referred to and known as the "Serve Guam!
14 Commission" through Executive Order 2005-22 on June 2, 2005 and on June
15 30, 2005, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* appointed fourteen (14) Commissioners to guide
16 Guam and the Commission in community service efforts; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Serve Guam! Commission is dedicated to uniting
18 individuals in service to their communities and achieving verifiable results by
19 addressing Guam's educational, environmental, public safety, homeland
20 security, and other unmet human needs; and

21 **WHEREAS**, it is the Commission's goals to encourage our island's
22 strong ethic of civic responsibility and rich traditions of community
23 involvement; to ensure a serious role for service and volunteerism, and to

1 connect Guam residents from diverse backgrounds and experiences to find
2 solutions to problems together; and to nurture the growth and emergence of
3 Guam's next generation of community and professional leaders; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the function of the Commission is to build on the
5 enthusiasm, dedication and combined expertise of individual citizens and
6 public-private partnerships to expand civic participation and engagement in
7 solving challenges which Guam faces today and in the future; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Commission is necessary to advise and assist the Office
9 of *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* in the development of a comprehensive, island-wide
10 service plan for promoting volunteer involvement and civic responsibility;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Commission received federal funding from the
13 Corporation for National and Community Service in the amount of One
14 Million Nine Hundred Sixty-eight Thousand Twenty-one Dollars (\$1,968,021),
15 and administers six (6) AmeriCorps programs on island, George L. Salas,
16 Sanctuary, Incorporated; Claudia Taitano, University of Guam Success Center;
17 Bobbie Roberto, Micronesian Business-Impact Today!; Pat Wolff, *Inafa' Maolek*;
18 Peter Terlaje, Department of Agriculture, Organic Watershed Health &
19 Conservation and Invasive Species; Arleen Tedtaotao, Department of Youth
20 Affairs; Dedicated Youth Advocates, AmeriCorps Program; involving
21 approximately two hundred (200) AmeriCorps members; and

22 **WHEREAS**, since its inception, the Serve Guam! Commission and its
23 predecessor, Guam AmeriCorps, have secured and disseminated over \$7.5
24 Million Dollars in AmeriCorps funding from the federal Corporation for

1 National and Community Service to local agencies that have created
2 opportunities for over six hundred (600) AmeriCorps members to serve Guam
3 in the past thirteen (13) years; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Serve Guam! Commission provides AmeriCorps
5 programs with extensive training and ongoing technical assistance to support
6 the development of AmeriCorps programs that work closely with the
7 Commission Program Manager Doris M. Aguon and Program Officer
8 Scholastica B. Rivera; Commission Chair Peter Barcinas; Vice Chair Doris
9 Crisostomo; and Commissioners: KenJoe Ada, Antonita Blas, Catalina Cruz,
10 Joseph Claveria, Devin Frazier, Geraldine James, Mayor Melissa Savarez,
11 Danilo Rapadas, Eloise Sanchez, Grace Taitano, Guam Department of Labor
12 Director Maria Connelley, and Deputy Director Erica Unpingco, to ensure
13 progress towards program objectives, a meaningful service experience for
14 AmeriCorps members, and compliance with applicable regulations; and

15 **WHEREAS**, beyond its grant-making responsibilities, the Serve Guam!
16 Commission seeks to promote volunteerism throughout the island, and to
17 honor those who serve its communities, and recognizes individuals and
18 groups who are making a difference for our community through their service
19 activities; now, therefore, be it


20 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
21 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
22 people of Guam, extend a sincere *Biba Kompliaños* to the Serve Guam!

1 Commission on the celebration of their “Third (3rd) Anniversary” and does
2 commend its Commissioners, staff and the Guam Department of Labor for
3 their continued service to our island; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na I*
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
6 people of Guam, commend the Serve Guam! Commission and the
7 Corporation for National and Community Service for improving lives,
8 strengthening communities, and fostering civic engagement through service
9 and volunteering; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive
11 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
12 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam
13 Department of Labor and the Serve Guam! Commission; and to the Honorable
14 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 23RD
DAY OF MAY 2008.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed, D.
Speaker and
Chairperson, Executive Committee



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature