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

Exec. Com.  
Resolution No. 198

Introduced by:

T.R. Muña-Barnes  
J.T. Won Pat, Ed.D. *[Signature]*  
D.L.G. Shimizu *[Signature]*

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,

5 WHEREAS, Guam's dedicated AmeriCorps members of all ages are a  
6 great treasure; and

7 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps could be described as the "domestic Peace  
8 Corps" following in the same tradition of as the Peace Corps established by  
9 President John F. Kennedy; and

10 WHEREAS, since inception of AmeriCorps in 1994 as a national service  
11 program, it has proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans of all

1 ages and backgrounds in meeting a wide range of local and national needs  
2 and promoting the ethic of service and volunteerism; and

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

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

15       **WHEREAS**, *I Maga’ låhen Guåhan* established a Commission on National  
16 and Community Service, referred to and known as the "Serve Guam!  
17 Commission", through Executive Order 2005-22 on June 2, 2005 and, on June  
18 30, 2005, *I Maga’ låhen Guåhan* appointed fourteen (14) commissioners; and

19       **WHEREAS**, the Serve Guam! Commission is dedicated to helping to  
20 improve the lives of our island’s most vulnerable citizens, protect our  
21 environment, contribute to our public safety, respond to disasters, and  
22 strengthen our educational system; and

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

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

7           **WHEREAS**, each year, AmeriCorps provides opportunities for  
8 thousands of Americans to dedicate a year of intensive service with nonprofit  
9 and community organizations, and

10           **WHEREAS**, in Guam alone, more than 470 men and women have taken  
11 the AmeriCorps pledge to “get things done for America ” actively building  
12 culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility by becoming AmeriCorps  
13 members since June 2007; and

14           **WHEREAS**, those AmeriCorps members have served a total of more  
15 285,000 hours of service to the people of Guam through Serve Guam!  
16 Commission; and

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

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

4           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina' Bente Nuebi Na*  
5 *Lihsaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihsaturan Guahan* and the  
6 people of Guam, designate May 11 to 18, 2008 as AmeriCorps Week and  
7 salute the AmeriCorps volunteers and alums for their dedication and positive  
8 impact to their communities and their inspiring examples of service as a great  
9 motivation for all of us to give back to our island and to everyone in need; and  
10 be it further

11           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
12 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
13 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Pete Terlaje,  
14 Department of Agriculture; to Arleen Tedtaotao, Department of Youth Affairs;  
15 Bobbie Roberto, Micronesian Business Association; to Claudia Taitano,  
16 University of Guam; to Pat Wolff, Inafa' Maolek and to the Honorable Felix P.  
17 Camacho, *I Maga' lahen Guahan*.

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**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2008.**

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**Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
Speaker**

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**Tina Rose Muña-Barnes  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature**