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

Exec. Comm
Resolution No. 210

Introduced by:

Edward J.B. Calvo *Handwritten initials*
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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 commend its Commissioners, staff and the Guam Department of Labor for their continued service for 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 ("Corporation") makes
5 grants to help establish, operate and expand national service programs such
6 as AmeriCorps that provides training and technical assistance to national
7 service programs; and

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

1 **WHEREAS**, on August 30, 2004, the National Director of AmeriCorps
2 encouraged Guam to establish a Commission on National and Community
3 Service as Guam’s vehicle to apply for and manage national service programs,
4 to include AmeriCorps programs; and

5 **WHEREAS**, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan* established a Commission on National
6 and Community Service, referred to and known as the Serve Guam!
7 Commission through Executive Order 2005-22 on June 2, 2005 and on June 30,
8 2005, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan* appointed 14 commissioners to guide Guam and
9 the Commission in community service efforts; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Serve Guam! Commission (SGC) is dedicated to uniting
11 individuals in service to their communities and achieving verifiable results by
12 addressing Guam’s educational, environmental, public safety, homeland
13 security, and other unmet human needs; and

14 **WHEREAS**, it is the Commission’s goals to encourage our islands
15 strong ethic of civic responsibility and rich traditions of community
16 involvement; to ensure a serious role for service and volunteerism and to
17 connect Guam residents from diverse backgrounds and experience to find
18 solutions to problems together; and to nurture the growth and emergence of
19 Guam’s next generation of community and professional leaders; and

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

1 **WHEREAS**, the Commission is necessary to advise and assist the office
2 of *I Maga'lahren Guåhan* in the development of a comprehensive, island-wide
3 service plan for promoting volunteer involvement and civic responsibility;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Commission received federal funding from Corporation
6 for National and Community Service \$1,968,021 and administers six (6)
7 AmeriCorps programs on island; Sanctuary, Incorporated: George L. Salas,
8 UOG Success Center: Claudia Taitano, Micronesia Business-Impact Today!:
9 Bobbie Roberto, *Inafa' Maolek*: Pat Wolff, Dept. of Agriculture: Organic
10 Watershed Health & Conservation and Invasive Species: Peter Terlaje and
11 Dept. of Youth Affairs: Dedicated Youth Advocates (DYA) AmeriCorps
12 Program: Arleen Tedtaotao involving approximately 200 AmeriCorps
13 members and

14 **WHEREAS**, since its inception, the Serve Guam! Commission and its
15 predecessor, Guam AmeriCorps, have secured and disseminated over \$7.5
16 million in AmeriCorps funding from the federal Corporation for National and
17 Community Service to local agencies that have created opportunities for over
18 600 AmeriCorps members to serve Guam in the past 13 years; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Serve Guam! Commission provides AmeriCorps programs
20 with extensive training and ongoing technical assistance to support the
21 development of AmeriCorps programs that work closely with the
22 Commission Program Manager Doris M. Aguon and Program Officer
23 Scholastica B. Rivera, and Commissions' Chair Peter Barcinas, Vice Chair

1 Doris Crisostomo, Commissioner's; KenJoe Ada, Antonita Blas, Catalina Cruz,
2 Joseph Claveria, Devin Frazier, Geraldine James, Mayor Melissa Savarez,
3 Danilo Rapadas, Eloise Sanchez, Grace Taitano and Guam Department of
4 Labor Director Maria Connelley and Deputy Director Erica Unpingco to
5 ensure progress towards program objectives, a meaningful service experience
6 for AmeriCorps members, and compliance with applicable regulations; and

7 **WHEREAS**, beyond its grant making responsibilities, Serve Guam!
8 Commission seeks to promote volunteerism throughout the island and to
9 honor those who serve its communities and recognizes individuals and
10 groups who are making a difference for our community through their service
11 activities; 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 extend a sincere *Biba Kompliaños* to the Serve Guam!
15 Commission on the celebration of their Third (3rd) Anniversary and to
16 commend its Commissioners, staff and the Guam Department of Labor for
17 their continued service for our island; and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* commends The Serve Guam!
19 Commission and the Corporation for National and Community Service for
20 improving lives, strengthening communities, and fostering civic engagement
21 through service and volunteering; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
2 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
3 hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam
4 Department of Labor and The Serve Guam! Commission; and to the
5 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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

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

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature