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**I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 176 (2S)

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Relative to commending and extending congratulations to the Serve Guam! Commission Commissioners, staff, and the Department of Labor on the creation of the Guam Volunteer Center for our island.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Serve Guam! Commission remain committed to building a
4 culture of service, citizenship, and responsibility; and

5 **WHEREAS,** the creation of Guam's Volunteer Center as a One-Stop
6 Volunteer Center to realize opportunities to bring together individuals for the
7 betterment of our communities included in the President's USA Freedom
8 Corps initiatives America's "armies of compassion" – those who are looking
9 to serve a cause greater than themselves to help others in need; and

10 **WHEREAS,** non profit, faith based, business, government, sister island
11 leaders are encouraged to Boost Skilled Volunteering and support the
12 "Growing Pro Bono Trend" amongst employee volunteering to use their
13 professional skills in volunteer work, to leverage and apply employee talents
14 and professional skills used everyday in the workplace; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Serve Guam! Commission will set goals and map strategies
2 for making “*pro bono*” common in media, marketing, finance, technology,
3 management consulting and in the legal field engaging professionals in *pro*
4 *bono* service having a profound impact; and

5 **WHEREAS**, it is the Commission’s goals to encourage our islands
6 strong ethic of civic responsibility and rich traditions of community
7 involvement; to ensure a serious role for service and volunteerism and to
8 connect Guam residents from diverse backgrounds and experience to find
9 solutions to problems together; and to nurture the growth and emergence of
10 Guam’s next generation; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Serve Guam! Commission, AmeriCorps programs,
12 AmeriCorps members, and AmeriCorps alumni volunteer by mentoring and
13 tutoring, homework assist, respond to disasters, assist in building homes,
14 preservation of the environment, ensuring a brighter future for all America’s
15 Youth, engaging youths in communities, harnessing baby boomers’
16 experience, and mobilization of other volunteers; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Serve Guam! Commission engages with the federal
18 government and encourage volunteer community service, and establish a
19 volunteer service liaison in federal agencies through Office of Personnel
20 Management; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Commission is necessary to advise and assist the office
22 of *I Maga’lahen Guåhan* in the development of a comprehensive, island-wide

1 service plan for promoting volunteer involvement and civic responsibility;
2 now, therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
5 people of Guam commend and congratulate the Serve Guam! Commission on
6 the creation of the Guam Volunteer Center for our island; and be it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* commends Guam Department of
8 Labor Director Maria Connelley, Deputy Director Erica Unpingco, The Serve
9 Guam! Commission; Chair Peter Barcinas, Vice-Chair Doris Crisostomo, and
10 the sub-committee's: Finance; Joseph Claveria, Danilo Rapadas; Guam
11 Department of Labor Administrative Service Officer Helen Mafnas; Program
12 Management; Catalina Cruz, Antoinette Blas, KenJoe Ada, Marketing &
13 Outreach; Mayor Melissa Savares, Devin Frazier, Eloise Sanchez, Serve Guam
14 Commission staff; Program Manager Doris Aguon, Program Officer
15 Scholastica Rivera and the Corporation for National and Community Service
16 for improving lives, strengthening communities, and fostering civic
17 engagement through service and volunteering; and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
19 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
20 hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam
21 Department of Labor, The Serve Guam! Commission; and that copies of the
22 same be thereafter transmitted to AmeriCorps programs': George L. Salas,
23 Sanctuary, Incorporated; Claudia Taitano, UOG AmeriCorps Success Center;

- 1 Bobbie Roberto, Micronesian Business - Impact Today!; Pat Wolff, Inafa'
- 2 Maolek; Pete Terlaje, Dept. of Agriculture; Roma Basa, Dept. of Youth
- 3 Affairs; and to the Honorable 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 ____
DAY OF _____ 2008.**

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

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature