

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS, the Serve Guam! Commission remains committed to**
4 **building a culture of service, citizenship, and responsibility; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, Guam’s Volunteer Center was created as a One-Stop
2 Volunteer Center to realize opportunities to bring together individuals for the
3 betterment of our communities, as included in the President’s USA Freedom
4 Corps initiatives America’s “armies of compassion”, who are looking to serve
5 a cause greater than themselves to help others in need; and

6 **WHEREAS**, non profit, faith based, business, government, and sister
7 island leaders are encouraged to boost skilled volunteering and support the
8 “*Growing Pro Bono Trend*” amongst employees volunteering to use their
9 professional skills in volunteer work, to leverage and apply employee talents
10 and professional skills used every day in the workplace; and

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

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

21 **WHEREAS**, the individuals in the Serve Guam! Commission,
22 AmeriCorps Programs, AmeriCorps Members, and AmeriCorps Alumni
23 volunteer by mentoring and tutoring, assisting with homework, responding to

1 disasters, assisting in building homes, preservation of the environment,
2 ensuring a brighter future for all America's Youth, engaging youths in
3 communities, harnessing baby boomers' experience, and mobilization of other
4 volunteers; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Serve Guam! Commission engages with the federal
6 government and encourages volunteer community service, and establishes a
7 volunteer service liaison in federal agencies through the Office of Personnel
8 Management; and

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

13 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
14 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the
15 Serve Guam! Commission on the creation of the Guam Volunteer Center for
16 our island; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
18 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend Director Maria Connelley
19 and Deputy Director Erica Unpingco of the Department of Labor; the Serve
20 Guam! Commission Chair Peter Barcinas and Vice-Chair Doris Crisostomo;
21 Joseph Claveria and Danilo Rapadas of the Finance sub-committee; Helen
22 Mafnas, Administrative Service Officer, Department of Labor; Catalina Cruz,

1 Antoinette Blas and KenJoe Ada, Program Management, Department of
2 Labor; Mayor Melissa Savares, Devin Frazier and Eloise Sanchez, Marketing
3 and Outreach; Doris Aguon, Program Manager, and Scholastica Rivera,
4 Program Officer, Serve Guam! Commission; and the Corporation for National
5 and Community Service for improving lives, strengthening communities, and
6 fostering civic engagement through service and volunteering; and be it further
7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
8 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
9 thereafter transmitted to AmeriCorps programs; to George L. Salas,
10 Sanctuary, Incorporated; to Claudia Taitano, UOG AmeriCorps Success
11 Center; to Bobbie Roberto, Micronesian Business - Impact Today!; to Pat
12 Wolff, *Inafa' Maolek*; to Pete Terlaje, Department of Agriculture; to Roma
13 Basa, Department of Youth Affairs; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
14 *Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 6TH DAY OF AUGUST 2008.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature