

**TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH**  
**LEGISLATURE**  
**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**Regular Session, 2021**

**H. J. R. 22-9**

**A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

To recognize and acknowledge the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and the Guam-CNMI State Committee and their volunteer members for their exceptional service and commitment to our service men and women by recognizing the week of August 16<sup>th</sup> through August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as "Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week".

1           **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life  
2           in this great Commonwealth is indelibly dependent on our ability to support the  
3           men and women that serve and maintain a constant vigilance in order to protect our  
4           freedoms and the American way of life; and

5           **WHEREAS**, this Legislative Body, representing the people of the  
6           Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, recognizes and commends the  
7           Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and the Guam-CNMI State Committee  
8           and their volunteer members for their exceptional service and commitment to our  
9           service men and women by recognizing the week of August 16<sup>th</sup> through August  
10          20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as "Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week"; and

11          **WHEREAS**, the ESGR, a Department of Defense Program, was  
12          established in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve

1 Component Service members and their civilian employers and to assist in the  
2 resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment; and

3           **WHEREAS**, ESGR understands the unique talents and skill set Guard and  
4 Reserve Service members can bring to the civilian workforce and to make this  
5 arrangement work, both parties must be aware of their rights and responsibilities  
6 under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994  
7 (USERRA); and

8           **WHEREAS**, the Guam-CNMI State Committee for the Employer Support  
9 of the Guard and Reserve, through its volunteers, provides services and assistance  
10 and comfort and peace of mind to members of the National Guard and Reserve so  
11 that they can focus on their military mission without worrying about their civilian  
12 jobs at home; and

13           **WHEREAS**, the Guam-CNMI State Committee for the Employer Support  
14 of the Guard and Reserve serves more than 2,700 Service Members on Guam,  
15 Saipan, Rota and Tinian, to sustain harmonious environments with employers; and

16           **WHEREAS**, members of the Guard and Reserve and their civilian  
17 employers form an alliance essential to the security of our Nation; these brave men  
18 and women perform critical roles at home and abroad and continue to serve around  
19 the world to ensure our freedom; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the National Guard and Reserve forces comprise nearly half  
2 of our nation's military strength and are essential to America's national security;  
3 and

4           **WHEREAS**, Reserve Component forces stand ready to answer the call to  
5 serve, whether serving alongside active duty counterparts all across the globe or  
6 responding to humanitarian crises at home and abroad; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Reserve Component forces have been activated across the  
8 nation to assist efforts to respond to, mitigate and control the COVID-19 pandemic;  
9 and

10          **WHEREAS**, employers provide critical support to members of the National  
11 Guard and Reserve allowing Citizen Warriors to serve whenever the Nation calls,  
12 often foregoing financial gain and making sacrifices in the process; and

13          **WHEREAS**, the members of the National Guard and Reserve continuously  
14 serve our country with distinction as they are deployed overseas in support of the  
15 global war on terrorism; and

16          **WHEREAS**, private and public sector employers of Guardsmen and  
17 Reservists play a vital role in supporting our troops by ensuring that their service-  
18 member employees are missioned-ready and focused when called to duty; and

19          **WHEREAS**, these employers make significant sacrifices on behalf of our  
20 Nation, as Guard and Reserve members may be deployed at a moment's notice and



1 for months at a time, leaving their private and public employers without their  
2 valuable skills and services as they serve abroad; and

3           **WHEREAS**, private and public employers of National Guardsmen and  
4 Reservists provide a sense of comfort to service members as they serve overseas,  
5 ensuring job security upon their return home; and

6           **WHEREAS**, ESGR has promoted and facilitated a strong culture of  
7 mutually beneficial relationships between employers and their military employees,  
8 thereby enabling members of the Guard and Reserve to respond quickly to state  
9 disaster emergencies and national military necessities knowing they have a secure  
10 civilian career after their service; and

11           **WHEREAS**, employer support is stronger than ever, more than 43 years  
12 after President Richard Nixon authorized the Secretary of Defense to establish the  
13 National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve; and

14           **WHEREAS**, our nation is in debt to the Citizen Warriors departing the  
15 comforts of home to ensure our freedoms remain intact; and

16           **WHEREAS**, the United States of America pays special tribute to the  
17 commitment of dedicated and supportive employers who continue to make service  
18 in the Reserve Components possible;

19           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of  
20 Representatives of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth  
21 Legislature, the Senate concurring, hereby recognizes and acknowledges the

1 Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and the Guam-CNMI Committee and  
2 their volunteer members for their exceptional service and commitment to our  
3 service men and women by recognizing the week of August 16<sup>th</sup> through August  
4 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as “Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week”; and

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the House of  
6 Representatives and the President of the Senate shall certify and the House Clerk  
7 and the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this joint  
8 resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit certified copies to US Army  
9 LTC (Retired) Renie (Ray) A. Llaneta, Guam-CNMI ESGR State Committee  
10 Chairman; LTC Rafael Fernandez, Commander, Theater Support Group-  
11 Detachment Marianas; Captain Bruce Camacho, Commander, E-Co. Det. 1, 100<sup>th</sup>  
12 BN, 442<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Unit; Lieutenant Colonel John M. Tudela, Commander, 624<sup>th</sup>  
13 Aerospace Medicine Flight; Captain Daryl Dela Cruz, Commander, 302<sup>nd</sup>  
14 Quartermaster Company Unit; Major General Esther Aguigui, Adjutant General,  
15 Guam National Guard; Brigadier General Timothy D. Connelly, Commanding  
16 General, 9<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Command; the Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres,  
17 Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable  
18 Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, CNMI Delegate to the United States Congress,  
19 117<sup>th</sup> United States Congress; Ms. Glenna SP Reyes, Special Assistant,  
20 Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs; and Honorable Jude U. Hofschneider,  
21 Senate President, Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

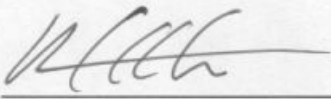
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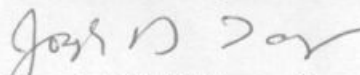
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