

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Referred	Committee / Ofc Referred	Date Adopted
58-32 (COR)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Relative to the consideration of Self Advocate in Action (SINA) to become a state self advocacy organization of Guam as recommended by the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC) to promote and support the development of leadership and self advocacy among people with developmental disabilities, family members and to the island community.	2/28/13 2:33pm	03/08/13	2/28/2013	Sponsor Committee Report submitted 3/19/13 @ 4:13 p.m.	Public Hearing 3/8/13 @ 1:00pm
	DATE PASSED	TITLE	TRANSMITTED		DUE DATE	<small>DATE SIGNED BY I MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN</small>	NOTES
	4/1/2013	Relative to the consideration of the Self-advocate in Action (SiñA) to become a state self-advocacy organization of Guam, as recommended by the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC) to promote and support the development of leadership and self advocacy among people with developmental disabilities, family members, and the island community.	04/12/13	10:05am			Passed as amended by the Author;and further amended on the Floor.



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April 12, 2013

Governor Edward J. B. Calvo
Office of the Governor of Guam
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex
Adelup, Guam 96910

REF: Resolution No. 58-32 (COR)

Dear Governor Calvo:

Transmitted herewith is **Resolution No. 58-32 (COR)** “Relative to the consideration of the Self-advocate in Action (SiñA) to become a state self-advocacy organization of Guam, as recommended by the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC) to promote and support the development of leadership and self-advocacy among people with developmental disabilities, family members, and the island community.” which was duly and regularly adopted by *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on April 1st, 2013.

Sincerely,

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary

Enclosure

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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Resolution No. 58-32 (LS)

Introduced by:
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Relative to the consideration of the Self-advocate in Action (SiñA) to become a state self-advocacy organization of Guam, as recommended by the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDGC) to promote and support the development of leadership and self-advocacy among people with developmental disabilities, family members, and the island community.

BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:

WHEREAS, the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDGC) is a member of the Administration on Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) Tri-Agency with the Guam Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service (CEDDERS) and the Guam Legal Services Corporation Disability Law Center. The Council serves as a resource for individuals with disabilities, and their families, who are in need of assistance to access community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion in all facets of community life; and

WHEREAS, under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (the DD Act), the state or territory council is mandated to develop a five (5) year state plan in order to receive federal funding. In the state plan, the council must establish or strengthen a program for the direct funding of a state self-advocacy organization led by individuals with developmental disabilities; support opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities who are considered leaders, and to provide leadership training to individuals with developmental disabilities who may become leaders; and support and expand participation of individuals with developmental disabilities in cross-disability and culturally diverse leadership coalitions; and

WHEREAS, currently, there is no existing self-advocacy group on Guam. The GDGC recommends the Self-advocate in Action (SiñA) to serve as the state self-advocacy organization for Guam. The Council describes SiñA as a cross-disability organization that promotes self-advocacy for persons with all types of disabilities, with the leadership of its own members; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of SiñA is to promote self-advocacy and self-determination for people with disabilities, and their families, by assisting, educating, forming alliances, and participating together to further strengthen the efforts to accomplish individual goals to improve one's quality of life and independence; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, self-advocacy groups were trained to facilitate workshop trainings and mentor participants in completing self-advocacy projects, which began an interest for SiñA. In 2011, self-advocates approved a constitution and by-laws for SiñA, which later received the status as a charitable and educational organization; and

WHEREAS, SiñA is under the leadership of a Board of Directors which is comprised of up to seven (7) members, sixty (60) regular members that are individuals with disabilities, fifteen (15) associate members, and one (1) advisor. In addition, the organization has an active network of seven (7) community organizations, ten (10) local agencies, and two (2) regional entities, as well as being a member of Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE), a national self-advocacy organization; and

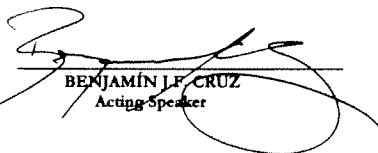
WHEREAS, SiñA has participated in numerous community awareness projects, services and activities in support of their mission to individuals with disabilities, and their family members. Among these accomplishments include the Self-advocacy Workshop and Training in 2009. In 2010, SiñA participated in continuing the self-advocacy workshop, participated in the Superfriends group, facilitated forums to policy makers, and attended the 2010 SABE conference off-island. In 2011, they continued with the workshop, participated with the Superfriends during the K-57 Talk Show, and acquired the non-profit status as an organization on Guam. Finally, in 2012, SiñA participated in the AIDD Self-Advocacy Summit in Honolulu, Hawaii, and attended the SABE conference, as well as coordinated and facilitated the Self-advocacy Conference on Guam; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments and effective work of SiñA explains the support given by the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council in recognizing the Self-advocate in Action (SiñA) as a state self-advocacy organization of Guam; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of Guam, request *I Magi laben Guåhan* to duly consider and recognize, pursuant to Executive Order, the Self-advocate in Action (SiñA) as a state self-advocacy organization of Guam, as recommended by the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDGC) to promote and support the development of leadership and self-advocacy among people with developmental disabilities, family members, and the island community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copy of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Magi laben Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 2013.


BENJAMÍN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker


TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary



I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 58-32 (COR)

As amended by the Author;
and further amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

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5 access community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance
6 that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration and
7 inclusion in all facets of community life; and

8 **WHEREAS**, under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of
9 Rights Act of 2000 (the DD Act), the state or territory council is mandated to
10 develop a five (5) year state plan in order to receive federal funding. In the state
11 plan, the council must establish or strengthen a program for the direct funding of a
12 state self-advocacy organization led by individuals with developmental disabilities;
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15 developmental disabilities who may become leaders; and support and expand
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17 culturally diverse leadership coalitions; and

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21 disability organization that promotes self-advocacy for persons with all types of
22 disabilities, with the leadership of its own members; and

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24 determination for people with disabilities, and their families, by assisting,
25 educating, forming alliances, and participating together to further strengthen the
26 efforts to accomplish individual goals to improve one's quality of life and
27 independence; and

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9 In addition, the organization has an active network of seven (7) community
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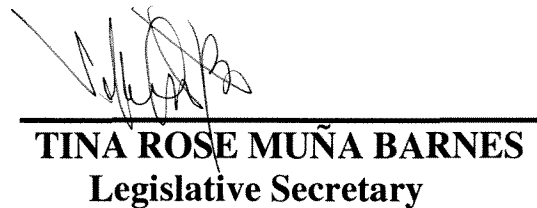
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DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 2013.



BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary



SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

April 3, 2013

To: All Senators

Ref: Invitation to Presentation of Legislative Resolution #58-32 to I Maga'láhen Guáhan

Dear Senators,

Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

I would like to invite you to a presentation of **Legislative Resolution# 58-32** relative to the consideration of Self-advocate in Action (SiñA) to become a state advocacy organization of Guam as recommended by the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDCC) to promote and support the developmental of leadership and self-advocacy among people with developmental disabilities, family members, and to the island community.

The Legislative Resolution will be presented to Governor Eddie B. Calvo which will be held in the Adelup Cabinet Conference Room on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 9:00 which will also be coincided with the swearing-in ceremony of the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDCC) members.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at my office at 649-8638 or via email at senatordrodriguez@gmail.com.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase

Senseramente,

Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION ATTENDANCE

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN

2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

Voting Sheet

ARES No: 58-32 (COR)

Speaker Antonio R. Unipingco Legislative Session Hall

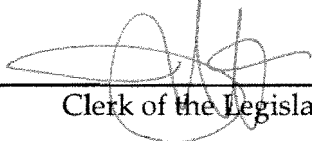
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NAME	Yea	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent
Senator Thomas "Tom" C. ADA	✓				
Senator V. Anthony "Tony" ADA	✓				
Senator Frank Blas AGUON Jr.	✓				
Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. CRUZ	✓				
Senator Christopher M. DUENAS	✓				
Senator Michael LIMTIACO	✓				
Senator Brant McCREADIE	✓				
Senator Thomas "Tommy" MORRISON	✓				
Senator Tina Rose MUÑA BARNES	✓				
Senator Vicente (ben) Cabrera PANGELINAN	✓				
Senator Rory J. RESPICIO	✓				
Senator Dennis G. RODRIGUEZ, Jr.	✓				
Senator Michael F. Q.SAN NICOLAS	✓				
Speaker Judith T. WON PAT, Ed.D.	✓				
Senator Aline A. YAMASHITA, Ph.D.	✓				

(15)

TOTAL

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:



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Clerk of the Legislature



SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

March 18, 2013

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hesler Place
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

VIA: The Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report – Resolution No. 58-32 (COR)

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith, for your consideration, is the **Committee Report on Resolution No. 58-32 (COR)- Relative to the consideration of Self Advocates in Action (SinA) to become a state self-advocacy organization of Guam as recommended by the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC) to promote and support the development of leadership and self-advocacy among people with developmental disabilities, family members and to the island community;** Sponsored by Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., and referred to the author. Resolution No. 58-32 (COR) was publicly heard on March 11, 2013.

Committee votes are as follows:

7 TO PASS
— NOT TO PASS
— ABSTAIN
— TO REPORT OUT ONLY
— TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Senseramente,

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
Chairman

Attachments

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SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

**COMMITTEE REPORT
ON
RESOLUTION NO. 58-32 (COR),
as Substituted.**

Relative to the consideration of Self Advocates in Action (SinA) to become a state self-advocacy organization of Guam as recommended by the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC) to promote and support the development of leadership and self-advocacy among people with developmental disabilities, family members and to the island community;



SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

March 18, 2013

MEMORANDUM

To: **ALL MEMBERS**
Committee on Health & Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development and Senior Citizens.

From: **Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.** *[Signature]*
Committee Chairperson

Subject: **Committee Report on Resolution no. 58-32 (COR), as Substituted.**

Transmitted herewith, for your consideration, is the **Committee Report on Substituted Resolution No. 58-32 (COR)- Relative to the consideration of Self Advocates in Action (SinA) to become a state self-advocacy organization of Guam as recommended by the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC) to promote and support the development of leadership and self-advocacy among people with developmental disabilities, family members and to the island community;** Sponsored by Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

This report includes the following:

- Committee Voting Sheet
- Committee Report Narrative/Digest
- Copy of Resolution No. 58-32 (COR)
- Copy of Resolution No. 58-32 (COR), as Substituted
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony and Supporting Documents
- Copy of COR Referral of Resolution No. 58-32 (COR)
- Notices of Public Hearing (1st and 2nd)
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Related News Articles (Public hearing publication of public notice)

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

Attachments



SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

Substituted Resolution No. 58-32 (COR)- Relative to the consideration of Self Advocates in Action (SinA) to become a state self-advocacy organization of Guam as recommended by the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC) to promote and support the development of leadership and self-advocacy among people with developmental disabilities, family members and to the island community; Sponsored by Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.,

	SIGNATURE	TO PASS	NOT TO PASS	ABSTAIN	REPORT OUT ONLY	PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, Jr. Chairman		✓ 3/14				
V. ANTHONY ADA Vice Chairman						
JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker (Ex-officio)						
BENJAMIN J. F. CRUZ Vice-Speaker		✓ 3/19/13				
TINA ROSE MUNA-BARNES Legislative Secretary						
FRANK B. AGUON, Jr. 3/22/13		✓				
VICENTE C. PANGELINAN		✓				
RORY J. RESPICIO						
ALINE A. YAMASHITA, Ph.D.		3/19/13				
THOMAS MORRISON						
MICHAEL LIMTIACO		3/19/13				
BRANT T. MCCREADIE						
CHRISTOPHER M. DUENAS		3/20/13				



SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Resolution No. 58-32 (COR)

- I. OVERVIEW:** The Committee on Health & Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development and Senior Citizens conducted a public hearing on **March 8, 2013**. The hearing convened at 1:00PM in I Liheslatura's Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of **Resolution No. 58-32 (COR)- Relative to the consideration of Self Advocates in Action (SinA) to become a state self-advocacy organization of Guam as recommended by the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC) to promote and support the development of leadership and self-advocacy among people with developmental disabilities, family members and to the island community;** Sponsored by Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.,

II. Public Notice Requirements

Notices were disseminated via hand-delivery/fax and/or email to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on March 1, 2013 (5-day notice), and again on March 5, 2013 (48-hour notice).

Senators Present

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Chairman
Senator Aline Yamashita, Ph.D.	Committee Member
Senator Brant McCredie	Committee Member

The public hearing on agenda item Resolution No. 58-32 (COR) was called to order at 1:00PM.

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION.

Senator Rodriguez: I would like to thank the former First Lady Joanne Ada in working with my office to discuss why this is needed to be introduced as a substantive resolution. When she spoke to my office about this issue, I right away agreed that this needs to happen, so we wanted to bring stakeholders here in order to provide testimonies regarding the resolution. After passed by the full body, we will request the Governor of Guam, through executive order, to designate SinA as the state advocacy for the island of Guam and also as recommended by the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council to promote and support the development of leadership and self advocacy among people with developmental disabilities. We hope that through this Public Hearing, which I am sure, we will have a positive response from the senators.

Lyn Tydingco and Andrew Tydingco: Before I start giving you information about SinA, I would like to make note to the senators that SinA is spelled S-i-ñ-A, for the official documentation process. [Please attached written testimony]

Lisa Cabrera Ogo: I am glad to be in the SinA organization. The word meaning "can do" surely speaks for itself. This organization does not only support a single type of disability, but other disabilities. This is good



SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

because we can all learn about the other disabilities where we can learn from it. We all help each other to get through things in life while we also have fun with each other. If we do not have the answer that we are looking for, SinA help us find that answer.

Senator Rodriguez: Thank you. There are other individuals who have also signed in for the record in show of support, but without any testimony.

Evelyn Duenas: Hafa Adai. I am actively involved with various organizations, SinA is one of them. I attended the first state conference in Self Advocacy Becoming Empower in Kansas in 2010. It is an educational process and pulls people together for empowerment and voice concerns. This brought a huge spectrum of disabilities nationally and other territories. We interacted with different communities and states as well. The legislature is my third home because I am always willing to speak when it comes to empowerment and advocacy. I am grateful for SinA as being recognized as the local self advocacy group for Guam. This organization was not as strong as then but it has grown since then. I am proud to see that we are growing and coming to the forefront and be heard in order to get what we need in terms of services. When we advocate for services, it will involved everyone in the community, and not only the individuals with disabilities. I thank all of you for recognizing the need for this and making it a reality for us.

Ben Servino: [Please see attached testimony]

Reymond Salas: [Please see written testimony]

Ginger Porter: [Please see written testimony]

Senator Rodriguez: Thank you very much. Once again, we have others who signed in to express their support.

Carol Darlow: [Please see written testimony]

Senator Yamashita: Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. Thank you for finding the courage and confidence in speaking up. I want to raise some issues. The resolution is to recognize SinA as the self advocacy group. My question is how can we ensure that the other disabilities are engaged and a part of the efforts you are going to have, whether it's through decision making, showcasing, policy development, and federal grant opportunities? How do we make sure that we become one at the state level?

Lyn Tydingco: if you remember at the beginning of my testimony, SinA is consisting of all types of disabilities. If you look around the room, we have members involved in various organizations. We all collaborate with other organizations and we work together and are all welcome and a part of the group.

Senator Yamashita: Throughout the morning, we have talked and showcased the friendship and how Ginger Porter helped you in the construction of the project. How do we make sure that there is always going to be this relationship with the organizations? Will it say in the rules and regulations where there is an open door to these organizations? I do not doubt that you are not open because I know you are. My concern is that structure, how can we make sure of that?



SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

Lyn Tydingco: Our constitution and Bylaws already states that we welcome all persons with any types of disabilities. If there is something else you want us to include in the bylaws, I can certainly bring that up since that it something that we already believe in.

Senator Yamashita: There is something that we discussed on the floor many times. The purpose of policy and the intent of policy are critical. I know that you are all inclusive. I just want to make sure that the statute state that everyone is invited at the table and has a voice in the table. I just want to make sure that the inclusion is there.

Lyn Tydingco: Senator, I will assure you that I will bring this up for consideration and implementation in the bylaws.

Senator McCreadie: I think you cannot say it any better that Senator Rodriguez and I will just adopt her testimony. I stand in full support and I understand that empowerment is key.

Josephine Cortez: SinA has done a lot. They helped me a lot in my disabilities and that they can help us. If it was not for them, I am not sure where I will be right now.

Senator Rodriguez. I think this demonstrates and importance and highlights the work the group has done and organized. We will bring this up to the Governor for an executive order. We also have others who have signed in favor and we will keep the record open for any others who wish to be included.

There being no other testimony, or comments by Senators, Chairman Rodriguez declared the bill as having been heard, and concluded the public hearing on Resolution No. 58-32 (COR).

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Health & Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development and Senior Citizens, hereby **reports out Resolution No. 58-32 (COR)**, with the recommendation to

pass

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

2013 FEB 28 PM 2:33

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DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D
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Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 58-32
As Amended by Author.

Introduced by:

Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

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1 **WHEREAS**, under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of
2 Rights Act of 2000 (the DD Act), the state or territory council is mandated to
3 develop a five (5) year State Plan in order to receive federal funding. In the State
4 Plan, the council must establish or strengthen a program for the direct funding of a
5 state self advocacy organization led by individuals with developmental disabilities;
6 support opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities who are
7 considered leaders to provide leadership training to individuals with developmental
8 disabilities who may become leaders; and support and expand participation of
9 individuals with developmental disabilities in cross-disability and culturally
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MEETING DATE / TIME: Friday, March 8, 2013 Guam Legislature Public Hearing Room

- **Resolution 58-32(COR)-** Relative to the consideration of Self Advocate in Action (SINA) to become a state self advocacy organization of Guam as recommended by the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC) to promote and support the development of leadership and self advocacy among people with developmental disabilities, family members and to the island community.

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What is SiñA?

SiñA: Self-Advocates in Action, a 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable and educational organization consists of individuals with all types of disabilities and their families. SiñA is an acronym for a Chamorro word meaning “can do” or “it is possible.”

Purpose:

The purpose of SiñA: Self-Advocates in Action, is to promote self-advocacy and self-determination for Persons with Disabilities and their families by assisting, educating, forming alliances, participating together to further strengthen efforts to accomplish individual goals to improve one’s quality of life; to experience self determination; to

choose and decide for oneself; to speak up to empower one's self; to promote and protect one's dignity; and to educate each other, members of the community, and public servants on issues that are important to us.

History:

SiñA grew out of self-advocacy workshops beginning September 2009. Seasoned self-advocates were trained to facilitate workshop trainings and mentor participants in completing their self-advocacy projects. This process facilitated the bonding of self-advocates into a group dubbed as "The SuperFriends." As an informal group, the SuperFriends engaged in social

networking, provided peer support and mentoring, provided formal input in regards to policy and directorship of agencies, conducted two forums for agency heads and policy makers, expanded the pool of trained facilitators, and with empowerment expanded participation and membership on boards and councils and built bridges with agencies, providing solutions to overcome barriers to services.

Accomplishments:

- Trained 9 Self-Advocates as facilitator/mentors
- Conducted 10 Self-Advocacy Workshops

- 101 persons have participated in Self-Advocacy Workshops.
- Trained and empowered Individuals With Disabilities to serve on boards and councils to have a meaningful voice at the table
- Annual SiñA White Cane Safety Day Blind Relay & 5K Power Walk
- Coordinated and Facilitated Guam's First Self-Advocacy Conference
- Hosted two agency and public policy forums
- A member of the national Self-Advocacy Organization, SABLE: Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered. Represented Guam at two SABLE Conferences

- Participated in a transportation forum
- Provided testimony at 3 public hearings
- Contributed to an Americans with Disabilities Act Roundtable
- Helped draft legislation and provided testimony to amend Guam's accessible parking law
- Two self-advocates established "The SuperFriends Radio Show" on Newstalk K57 in March 2011, to educate and promote community awareness. The program has gained a following from audiences of individuals with disabilities on Guam, within the Pacific region, and the US mainland. The radio show is

regarding individuals with disabilities and issues that concern us.

- Presented at four conferences promoting education and community awareness/service activities
- Annual Gold Star Awards recognizing excellent accessibility
- Coordination and participation in the Liberation Day Parade
- Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Activities
- Participated in two NDEAM activities
- Collaborated with the Guam Election Commission, Guam Systems for Assistive Technology, and Guam Legal Services

Corporation for voter accessibility during the 2012 Primary Elections

- Education, awareness, and displays at conferences and fairs for community outreach
- Established two high school youth self-advocacy chapters at John F Kennedy and Simon Sanchez High Schools
- SiñA Ta Kanta Concert
- Represented Guam in the 2012 Administration for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Self-Advocacy Summit in Hawaii
- Assessed bank ATMs for accessibility
- Collaborated with Homeland Security to evaluate the

accessibility of the mayor's offices
for mass care

- Received two certificates of appreciation from DISID for the education and community awareness of the Americans with Disabilities Act
- The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has sought SiñA's assistance in training their self-advocate leadership teams in self-advocacy skills, mentorship, development of mission and by-laws, and financial management

Goals:

- Collaborate with Commissioner of the Administration of Intellectual

and Developmental Disabilities to lead the national discussion to change the label of being a “consumer”

- To establish more youth chapters
- To continue to educate, train, and empower Individuals with Disabilities with the Self-Advocacy and Self-Determination knowledge, tools, and skills needed to enhance their lives

**Testimony of Carol Darlow
Chairperson, Children & Families Committee
Guam Developmental Disabilities Council**

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Sincerely,

Carol Darlow, Chairperson



Benito "Ben" Servino
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Honorable Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr.

Chairman, Committee on Health & Human Services, Health
Insurance Reform, Economic Development & Senior Citizens
32nd Guam Legislature, 155 Hesler Place, Hagåtña, GU 96910

Subject: Testimony on Resolution No. 58-32(COR)

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Buenas yan Hafa Adai Senator Rodriguez, and Members of the Committee on Health & Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development, & Senior Citizens

For the record, my name is Benito (Ben) S. Servino, and I currently serve as the Director for the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities (DISID).

I am here today on behalf of the staff and management at DISID, to provide our support in seeking the Legislature's consideration and approval for the Self Advocate in Action (SINA) to serve as the designated State Self Advocacy Organization for Guam.

The SINA organization has been very pro-active in promoting a greater awareness of disability issues regarding education, employment, transportation, health, and housing through their member's involvement in hosting the "Super Friends" Radio Show at K-57, conducting Self Advocacy Trainings for Individuals with Disabilities at UOG/CEDDERS, participation in various Councils and Boards such as the Guam DD Council, DVR's State Rehab Council, GSAT/CEDDERS Advisory Council, and Guam Regional Transit Authority Board, to name a few.

They have collaborated with DISID to co-sponsor many of our outreach and awareness activities including our ADA Awareness Event, the 2011 Guam Liberation Event where many of their members marched in front of our float during the parade and contributed towards the barbecue and food that was provided for individuals with disabilities within our community at the event.

I thank you for providing me this opportunity to provide input on Resolution No. 58-32 (COR).

Sincerely,

BENITO S. SERVINO
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Re: Resolution No. 58-32

Dear Senator Rodriguez:

The Guam Legal Services Corporation- Disability Law Center (GLSC-DLC) is pleased to be able to support SiñA as the self advocacy organization for Guam. We have begun to work with SiñA on a regular basis last year and were pleased to accompany them to the self advocacy regional conference last March.

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GLSC-DLC remains committed to working with SiñA on helping individuals with disabilities on Guam. SiñA has earned the right to be recognized as the self advocacy organization for Guam. We commend the Legislature for resolving to so recognize and together with the other members of the Tri-Agency (the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council and Guam CEDDERS) we expect to continue to further the efforts on behalf of individuals with disabilities in the future.

Sincerely,

HAROLD F. PARKER
Executive Director

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Committee on Children & Families
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March 8, 2013

Hafa Adai,

Please replace this copy of my public testimony for the original provided at the Public Hearing chaired by Senator D. G. Rodriguez, Jr. on March 8, 2013 for Resolution 58-32.

The attached copy has the proper heading for the Senator and his Committee. All else remains.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ginger S. Porter".

Ginger S. Porter, M. Ed.
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Honorable Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., Chairman
Committee on Health & Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic
Development, and Senior Citizens
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Hafa Adai Chairman Rodriguez and Senators,

I am Ginger Porter, a resident of Asan, Guam, and I am here as the Initiative Area
Coordinator for Leadership and Systems Change at the University of Guam Center
for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service.

The development of self-advocacy and leadership within the self-advocacy
movement in our community has been a project of personal and professional
satisfaction for me. I have witnessed tremendous personal growth in self-advocates,
have seen community perception about disabilities change, and have seen the
development of pride and accomplishment within the ranks of those who are self-
advocates. It is with honor and pride that I provide my support for the designation
of SiñA: Self-Advocates in Action as Guam's state self-advocacy organization.

SiñA: Self-Advocates in Action is a uniquely structured organization of persons of all
disability types gathered together to promote the ability of persons with disabilities
to speak up for what they need and to participate as a group to improve the quality
of life for persons with disabilities.

A hallmark quality of SiñA, as an organization, is the education and mentorship
extended to each other to *effectively* communicate, understand rights and
responsibilities, and take control of life choices, even when it means approaching
age-old cultural values that may diminish choices to live a free and self-determined
life.

It is through education and mentorship that SiñA promotes the skill of individuals
with disabilities to sit at the planning and policy development table and express
meaningful input, and to take on leadership roles to guide and direct community
understanding of disability issues and how these issues affect all members of our
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SiñA promotes self-advocacy, which embodies the belief that disability is a natural part of the human condition. Throughout their activities, they promote the understanding of self, the building of self-confidence, the generation of disability pride, and the recognition and celebration of the contribution of Guam's disability community.

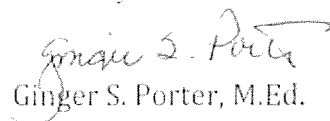
Just in the last two years, self-advocates have affected change in parking legislation and voter accessibility, voiced opinion for agency leadership, created alliances with service providers and agencies, and stimulated better access to businesses and services. The list of accomplishments in community access, policy, personal goals, employment, enrichment of daily life across the lifespan, and the development of alliances is extensive. But their mission has just begun.

As an organization, what else is on the horizon? As a state recognized self-advocacy organization, they will benefit from future federal recognition and funding support for the power of self-advocacy. I see their voice at the table for greater self-determination, more personal choice in their supports, their living arrangements, their mobility, equality in pay, and their freedom to make the same life choices as their non-disabled peers.

Collectively, SiñA is prepared to strengthen efforts to accomplish group goals to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities. In the few short years of existence, they have a track record of great success in developing self-advocacy and advocacy. Therefore, I heartily request your support to designate SiñA as Guam's state self-advocacy organization.

I thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,


Ginger S. Porter, M.Ed.

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Good Afternoon Committee on Health & Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development, and Senior Citizens Members. My name is Raymond A. Salas and I am a board member of the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council Executive Committee. It gives me great pleasure to join The Honorable Dennis G. Rodriguez in recognizing his legislative measure relative to the consideration of Self Advocate in Action (SINA) to become a state self-advocacy organization of Guam to promote and support the development of leadership and self-advocacy among people with developmental disabilities, family members and our island community. Therefore, I humbly and respectfully request that you join me today in support of SINA as our island's state self-advocacy organization.

My initial journey began with the adults with developmental disabilities while employed with Guma Ma'mi, Inc. from 1992 to 1994. I had the wonderful opportunity to work with great people from the Governor's Persons with Disabilities Office and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), now known as Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities (DISID) on the first-ever "Territorial Forum" for Persons with Developmental Disabilities before departing Guma Ma'mi. Forward to today 2013, I continue to witness their plight to be fully recognized as individuals with abilities and to be fully accepted in our island community; Full Inclusion is all we ask for!

Much is accomplished by SINA. 1) In 2011, self-advocates approved a constitution and by-laws; 2) Board of Directors made of seven (7) members, sixty (60) regular members that are individuals with disabilities, fifteen (15) associate members, and an Advisor. 3) Active networks of seven (7) community organizations, ten (10) local agencies, two (2) regional, and is a member of Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE), a national self-advocacy organization. In 2012, SINA was lauded for their participation at the Administration of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) Self Advocacy Summit in Honolulu, Hawaii.

SINA is ready to become Guam's state self-advocacy organization. Tohge I Man l'nutet! Biba SINA, Biba Guam....

Thank you for your valuable time and consideration.

Very respectfully.



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MEMORANDUM

To: **Rennae Meno**
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From: **Senator Rory J. Respicio** 
Majority Leader & Rules Chair

Subject: **Referral of Resolution No. 58-32 (COR)**

As Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of Resolution No. 58-32 (COR). Please ensure that the subject resolution is referred, in my name, to the respective sponsor, as shown on the attachment.

I also request that the same be forwarded to all Senators of *I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

Si Yu'os ma'åse!

(1) Attachments

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II. Announcements

III. Items for Public Consideration

1:00 pm

- Resolution 58-32(COR)- Relative to the consideration of Self Advocate in Action (SINA) to become a state self advocacy organization of Guam as recommended by the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDCC) to promote and support the development of leadership and self advocacy among people with developmental disabilities, family members and to the island community.

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February 28, 2013

MEMORANDUM

To: Rennae Meno
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Therese M. Terlaje
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From: Senator Rory J. Respicio 
Majority Leader & Rules Chair

Subject: Referral of Resolution No. 58-32 (COR)

As Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of Resolution No. 58-32 (COR). Please ensure that the subject resolution is referred, in my name, to the respective sponsor, as shown on the attachment.

I also request that the same be forwarded to all Senators of *I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

Si Yu'os ma'åse!

(1) Attachments

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

2013 FEB 28 PM 2:33

Resolution No. 58-32(COR)

Introduced by:

Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. 

Relative to the consideration of Self Advocate in Action (SINA) to become a state self advocacy organization of Guam as recommended by the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC) to promote and support the development of leadership and self advocacy among people with developmental disabilities, family members and to the island community.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC) is a member of the Administration on Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) Tri-Agency with Guam Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service (CEDDERS) and the Guam Legal Services Corporation Disability Law Center. The Council serves as a resource to individuals with disabilities and their families who are in need of assistance to access community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion in all facets of community life; and

1 **WHEREAS**, under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of
2 Rights Act of 2000 (the DD Act), the state or territory council is mandated to
3 develop a five (5) year State Plan in order to receive federal funding. In the State
4 Plan, the council must establish or strengthen a program for the direct funding of a
5 state self advocacy organization led by individuals with developmental disabilities;
6 support opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities who are
7 considered leaders to provide leadership training to individuals with developmental
8 disabilities who may become leaders; and support and expand participation of
9 individuals with developmental disabilities in cross-disability and culturally
10 diverse leadership coalitions; and

11 **WHEREAS**, currently, there is no existing self advocacy group in Guam.
12 The GDDC recommends the Self Advocate in Action (SINA) to serve as the state
13 self advocacy organization for Guam. The Council describes SINA as a cross
14 disability organization that promotes self advocacy for persons with all types of
15 disabilities with the leadership of its own members; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of SINA is to promote self-advocacy and self-
17 determination for people with disabilities and their families by assisting, educating,
18 forming alliances, participating together to further strengthen effort to accomplish
19 individual goals to improve one's quality of life and independence; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in 2009, self advocacy groups were trained to facilitate
21 workshop trainings and mentor participants in completing self-advocay projects,
22 which began an interest for SINA. In 2011, self advocates approved a constitution
23 and by-laws for SINA, which later received the status as a charitable and
24 educational organization; and

25 **WHEREAS**, SINA is under the leadership of a Board of Directors which is
26 comprised of up to seven (7) members, sixty (60) regular members that are
27 individuals with disabilities, fifteen (15) associate members, and one (1) advisor.

1 In addition, the organization has an active network of seven (7) community
2 organizations, ten (10) local agencies, two (2) regional entities, as well as being a
3 member of Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE), a national self
4 advocacy organization; and

5 **WHEREAS**, SINA has participated in numerous community awareness,
6 services, and activities in support of their mission to individuals with disabilities
7 and their family members. Among these accomplishments include the Self
8 Advocacy Workshop and Training in 2009. In 2010, SINA participated in
9 continuing the self advocacy workshop, participated in the Superfriends group,
10 facilitated forums to policy makers, and attended SABE conference off-island. In
11 2011, they continued with the workshop, participated with the Superfriends during
12 the K-57 Talk Show, and acquiring the non-profit status as an organization in
13 Guam. Finally, in 2012, SINA participated in the AIDD Self Advocacy Summit in
14 Honolulu, Hawaii, attended another SABE conference, as well as coordinated and
15 facilitated the Self Advocacy Conference in Guam; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the accomplishments and effective work of SINA explains the
17 support given by the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council in recognizing the
18 Self Advocate in Action (SINA) as the state self advocacy organization for Guam;
19 and now, be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, request *I*
21 *Maga'lahen Guåhan* to duly consider and recognize, pursuant to Executive Order,
22 Self Advocate in Action (SINA) as a state self advocacy organization of Guam, as
23 recommended by the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDCC) to
24 promote and support the development of leadership and self advocacy among
25 people with developmental disabilities, family members, and island community;
26 and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
2 Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof,
3 and that copy of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Edward J.B.
4 Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guahan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 28TH
DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D
Speaker

RORY RESPICIO
Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary