

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
93-32 (COR)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr	Relative to commending Youth for Youth LIVE! Guam organizational members and partners - the Prevention and Training Branch of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the Department of Youth Affairs, and the Department of Public Health and Social Services for the accomplishments made towards preventing substance abuse, underage drinking, and suicide among Guam's youth and acknowledging April as "National Alcohol Abuse Prevention Awareness Month" and "National Youth Month."	4/5/13 11:43 a.m.	4/12/2013 8:30 a.m.			4/11/2013

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

Resolution No. 93-32 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending the *Youth for Youth LIVE! Guam* organizational members and partners - the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention and Training Branch, the Department of Youth Affairs, and the Department of Public Health and Social Services, for the accomplishments that have been made towards preventing substance abuse, underage drinking, and suicide among Guam's youth; and to further acknowledging the month of April as "National Alcohol Abuse Prevention Awareness Month" and "National Youth Month."

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS**, local data reported by the State Epidemiological Outcomes
4 Workgroup (SEOW), through the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse,

1 provides alarming information on youth substance use and abuse (i.e., alcohol,
2 tobacco, and other illicit drugs) and suicide on Guam; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on Guam, one in seven youth are binge drinkers (having five or
4 more drinks on one occasion), one in five smokes tobacco, and one in three are current
5 users of marijuana; and

6 **WHEREAS**, suicide deaths on Guam are highest among youth and young
7 adults, with about 60% occurring in those under the age of 30 years; and

8 **WHEREAS**, policy changes have shown effective results in decreasing alcohol
9 consumption rates on Guam; namely, the youth binge drinking rate decreased in 2003
10 for the first time since 1995, coinciding with the legislated increase in taxes on alcohol
11 products; and in 2011, there was a drop in the binge drinking rate among high school
12 youth and adults for the first time since 2001, after the law was passed raising the
13 minimum legal drinking age from 18 to 21 in 2010; and

14 **WHEREAS**, declines in smoking prevalence have occurred as a result of the
15 implementation of multiple prevention strategies, along with the key policy initiatives
16 established that raised taxes on tobacco products (2003 and 2009), prohibited tobacco
17 sales to minors (1999 Synar federal mandate), created smoke-free public places
18 (Natasha Protection Act in 2005 and GovGuam 100% Tobacco-Free Policy in 2007),
19 and the launch of a Tobacco Quitline in 2007, along with tobacco cessation programs;
20 and

21 **WHEREAS**, this sustainable youth leadership initiative began in 1988 under
22 the leadership of the Prevention and Training Branch staff of the Department of
23 Mental Health and Substance Abuse, with the vision of working collaboratively with
24 Guam's youth and empowering them with the knowledge, skills and resources to
25 create and implement effective substance abuse prevention programs by youth, and for
26 youth; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 2013, 25 years later, *Youth for Youth LIVE! Guam* stands
2 strong in carrying out its mission and purpose for youth leadership and skills
3 development in the field of prevention; and

4 **WHEREAS**, *Youth for Youth LIVE! Guam* has empowered and sustained an
5 estimated pool of 50 youth per year as trained trainers who make informed choices to
6 maintain healthy, drug-free lifestyles; and who in turn have influenced hundreds of
7 their peers each year to make safe choices, as well, throughout its 25 years of
8 existence; and

9 **WHEREAS**, opportunities are provided to Guam’s youth to take safe risks in
10 sharing their personal beliefs and challenges, to learn and grow from past experiences,
11 and to develop a prevention network of youth who stay connected and supportive; and

12 **WHEREAS**, *Youth for Youth LIVE! Guam* has contributed significantly to the
13 development of Guam’s *One Nation* Social Marketing Campaign to prevent underage
14 drinking, and to influence the reduction of alcohol consumption and abuse among
15 adults; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the members of *Youth for Youth LIVE! Guam* contribute over 850
17 service hours to the community through various alcohol, tobacco, and other substance
18 use, and suicide prevention programs throughout the year; and

19 **WHEREAS**, *Youth for Youth LIVE! Guam* youth members have imparted their
20 knowledge to over 7,650 middle and high school students from Guam and our
21 neighboring islands in the last 22 Annual Youth Conferences; and

22 **WHEREAS**, this year’s “Back-2-Basics” theme for the 23rd Annual Youth for
23 Youth Conference highlights the cultural strengths among the people of the Pacific
24 Islands, and raises awareness about the importance and practice of traditional life
25 skills among its youth audience in positive and healthy ways; now therefore, be it

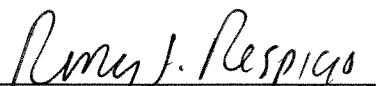
26 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina Trentai Dos Na*
27 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people

1 of Guam, commend the *Youth for Youth LIVE! Guam*, and its mentors and partners,
2 for its invaluable work; and does further extend a warm *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os*
3 *Ma'åse'* to *Youth for Youth LIVE! Guam*, and its mentors and partners, for its efforts
4 and hard work in addressing the needs of our island community during the observance
5 of the month of April as “National Alcohol Abuse Prevention Awareness Month” and
6 “National Youth Month”; and be it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
8 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
9 the same be thereafter transmitted to Caleb Skvaril, Fabien Rippel, Marcel Jardeleza
10 and Genavie Palmares, Officers of *Youth for Youth LIVE! Guam*; to Director Rey
11 Vega of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; to Director Adonis
12 Mendiola of the Department of Youth Affairs; to Director James Gillan of the
13 Department of Public Health and Social Services; to Barbara S.N. Benavente of the
14 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention and Training Branch;
15 to Roselie Zabala of the Department of Public Health and Social Services Bureau of
16 Community Health Services; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen*
17 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 11TH DAY OF
APRIL 2013.**


BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker


RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairman, Committee on Rules


TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
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VOTING SHEET

Resolution No. 93-32 (COR) Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., - "Relative to commending the *Youth for Youth LIVE! Guam* organizational members and partners - the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention and Training Branch, the Department of Youth Affairs, and the Department of Public Health and Social Services, for the accomplishments that have been made towards preventing substance abuse, underage drinking, and suicide among Guam's youth; and to further acknowledging the month of April as "National Alcohol Abuse Prevention Awareness Month" and "National Youth Month."

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson			✓		
SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA Vice-Chairperson			✓		
SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Member					
VICE-SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ Member			✓		
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Member			✓		
SENATOR VICENTE (Ben) C. PANGELINAN Member			✓		
SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. Member	<i>DR</i>	<i>4/11/13</i>	✓		
SENATOR FRANK BLAS AGUON, JR. Member			✓		
SENATOR MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS Member					
SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA Minority Member			✓		
SENATOR ALINE YAMASHITA Minority Member					

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Sponsor Signature: _____ *AS*

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18 of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, with the vision of working collaboratively
19 with Guam's youth and empowering them with knowledge, skills and resources to
20 create and implement effective substance abuse prevention programs by youth, for
21 youth; and

22 **WHEREAS**, twenty-five years later, *Youth for Youth LIVE! Guam* stands
23 strong in 2013 with carrying out its mission and purpose for youth leadership and
24 skills development in the field of prevention;

25 **WHEREAS**, *Youth for Youth LIVE! Guam* has empowered and sustained an
26 estimated pool of fifty (50) youth per year as trained trainers who make informed
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22 traditional life skills among its youth audience in positive and healthy ways; and
23 now, be it further

24 **RESOLVED**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, acknowledge
25 the month of April as “National Alcohol Abuse Prevention Awareness Month,”
26 and do hereby commend the invaluable work of Youth for Youth LIVE Guam and
27 their mentors and partners, and extend a warm *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’ase’*

1 to their efforts and hard work in addressing the needs of our island community; and
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3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
4 Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof,
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8 Abuse, Director Adonis Mendiola of the Department of Youth Affairs, Director
9 James Gillan of the Department of Public Health and Social Services, Barbara S.N.
10 Benavente of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention
11 and Training Branch, and Roselie Zabala of the Department of Public Health and
12 Social Services Bureau of Community Health Services, and to the Honorable
13 Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 12th
DAY OF APRIL, 2013.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D
Speaker

RORY RESPICIO
Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary