

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2006 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 187**

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**Relative to congratulating 'Island Girl Power!' on its Fourth (4th) Anniversary Celebration and commending its Board of Directors, administration and volunteers who devote themselves to offering a place especially for young girls.**

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

3        **WHEREAS, 'Island Girl Power!' was founded in the Spring of 2002 by**  
4        **the *Ayuda* Foundation, a non-profit organization funded by community**  
5        **donations; and**

1           **WHEREAS**, the ‘Island Girl Power!’ program is dedicated to helping  
2 girls, ages seven to fourteen (7 to 14), maintain their self-esteem and make  
3 positive lifestyle choices; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the objective of ‘Island Girl Power!’ is to decrease teen  
5 pregnancy, suicide, substance and sexual abuse by offering alternatives such  
6 as educational courses and activities and a positive lifestyle; and

7           **WHEREAS**, ‘Island Girl Power!’ currently has three hundred fifty (350)  
8 members; approximately one hundred fifty (150) high school students and  
9 adult volunteers that donate supplies and time to teach an array of classes;  
10 and

11           **WHEREAS**, ‘Island Girl Power!’ offers community-based programs at  
12 the clubhouse such as cooking, Capoeira martial arts and self-defense classes,  
13 art, jump rope, hip-hop and Island-style dances and chants at little or no cost  
14 in an environment that is neutral and unthreatening to parents and children  
15 and

16           **WHEREAS**, ‘Island Girl Power!’ is celebrating its fourth (4th) year of  
17 providing guidance and support to our island’s female youth; and

18           **WHEREAS**, the ‘Island Girl Power!’ motto ‘Empower, Encourage, &  
19 Inspire’ signifies the power within each girl, the support system she can be,  
20 and a driving force to help other girls pursue their own interest and talents;  
21 and

22           **WHEREAS**, the transition from childhood to adolescence in girls occurs  
23 between the ages of seven to fourteen (7 to 14), which is often when girls start  
24 to lose the ‘Island Girl Power!’ they had and begin to respond differently to

1 what others say and is often when they are first exposed to drugs and other  
2 risks; and

3 **WHEREAS**, girls in their early teens are often encouraged to meet  
4 certain standards to please others rather than develop their own dreams and  
5 goals; and

6 **WHEREAS**, administrators and volunteers of 'Island Girl Power!'  
7 believe that each girl they come in contact with at the clubhouse has the  
8 ability to make wise decisions that will result in smart choices in life; and

9 **WHEREAS**, by accepting all girls, regardless of income or status, 'Island  
10 Girl Power!' believes it can help girls understand the importance of  
11 community service through the example of outstanding volunteers who create  
12 a place just for them; and

13 **WHEREAS**, 'Island Girl Power!' encourages girls to volunteer and  
14 instruct a class of their own design, give inspirational speeches in support of  
15 girls during a public event, spend a couple of hours a month at the clubhouse  
16 to be a positive role model for others, rally girls to recognize that alcohol,  
17 tobacco, and drug abuse are unhealthy, dangerous, and illegal, and to show  
18 the world what each girl has to offer; now, therefore, be it

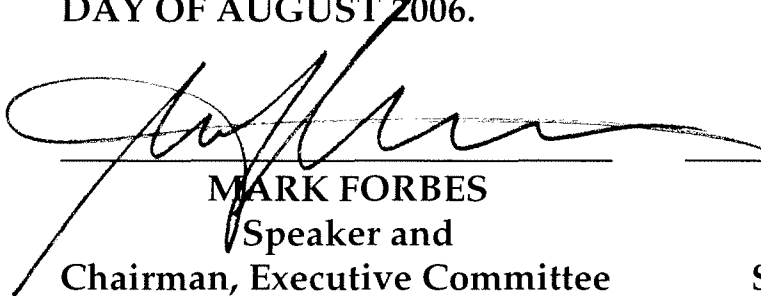
19 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*  
20 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
21 people of Guam, congratulate 'Island Girl Power!' on the occasion of its  
22 Fourth (4th) Anniversary Celebration; and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*  
24 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* commends the 'Island Girl Power!' Board of Directors,

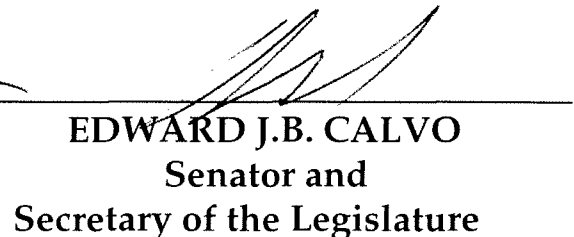
1 administration and volunteers who offer a place especially for young girls;  
2 and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
4 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
5 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Juanita  
6 Blaz, Program Director, 'Island Girl Power!'; to Ms. Carlotta Leon Guerrero,  
7 Executive Director, *Ayuda* Foundation; and to the Honorable Felix P.  
8 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 8TH  
DAY OF AUGUST 2006.**



MARK FORBES  
Speaker and  
Chairman, Executive Committee



EDWARD J.B. CALVO  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature