


MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

Exec. Committee
Resolution No. *69*
Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating the Board of Directors, administration and volunteers on the occasion of the Third Anniversary and Opening of the new Island Girl Power Clubhouse facility,

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

3 **WHEREAS,** 'Island Girl Power!' is a division of the *Ayuda* Foundation, a
4 non-profit organization funded by contributions and community donations
5 supported locally by the Guam Department of Public Health, the Department
6 of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the University of Guam Gender
7 Studies Research Association, and the Guam Community College Career
8 Development and Service Learning Program, *Inafa Maolek*, Big Brothers Big
9 Sisters, Rainbows for Children, Juvenile Court Services, and many public
10 schools; and

11 **WHEREAS,** the 'Island Girl Power!' program is dedicated to helping
12 girls, ages seven to fourteen (7-14), maintain their self-esteem and make
13 positive lifestyle choices; and

14 **WHEREAS,** the objective of 'Island Girl Power!' is to decrease the
15 occurrence of teen pregnancy, suicide, and substance abuse; and

1 **WHEREAS**, ‘Island Girl Power!’ currently has three hundred fifty (350)
2 members; approximately one hundred fifty (150) high school and adult
3 volunteers donate supplies and provide classes such as cooking, self-defense,
4 art, and peer counseling; and

5 **WHEREAS**, ‘Island Girl Power!’ has relocated their main clubhouse
6 facility to the village of Dededo; and

7 **WHEREAS**, ‘Island Girl Power!’ is celebrating their 3rd year of
8 providing guidance and support to our island’s female youth; and

9 **WHEREAS**, ‘Island Girl Power!’ is the power that girls have to be the
10 best that they can be – confident, fulfilled, and feeling good about themselves;
11 is helping girls make the most of their lives and encouraging girls to pursue
12 their own interests and talents; is telling all girls that they are worthy of
13 success, that opportunities do exist, and that expressing themselves is okay; is
14 being healthy – physically and mentally, and is girls growing into strong and
15 competent women, and

16 **WHEREAS**, the transition from childhood to adolescence in girls occurs
17 between the ages of seven through fourteen (7-14), it is often the time when
18 girls start to lose the ‘Island Girl Power!’ they had in childhood and during
19 this transitional time girls begin to respond differently to what others say and
20 it is often the first time that girls are exposed to drug use and other risky
21 behavior; and

22 **WHEREAS**, girls in their early teens are often encouraged to place more
23 emphasis on their personalities, social skills, looks and abilities to please
24 others rather than develop their own interests and aspirations; and

25 **WHEREAS**, some girls who earlier experienced adult and peer approval

1 for demonstrating athletic abilities before puberty are often discouraged from
2 participating in many sports once their bodies show signs of maturing, and

3 **WHEREAS**, administrators and volunteers of 'Island Girl Power!'
4 believe that each girl has the ability to create positive change in her life and by
5 making the girls wiser to the world around them, girls will make smarter
6 choices in life, and

7 **WHEREAS**, by accepting all girls, regardless of income or status, 'Island
8 Girl Power!' believes they will help bridge the gap between the haves and the
9 have nots and can help girls understand the importance of community service
10 by showing them the example of exceptional people who volunteer to create a
11 place just for them; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the goal of 'Island Girl Power!' is not only to curb the most
13 serious challenges facing girls today such as the incidence of teenage
14 pregnancy, substance abuse and suicide; and

15 **WHEREAS**, other 'Island Girl Power!' goals include encouraging girls
16 by volunteering to instruct a class of their design, giving an uplifting speech
17 in support of girls at public event, spending a couple of hours a month at the
18 clubhouse being a positive role model, helping girls understand that alcohol,
19 tobacco, and drugs are unhealthy, dangerous, and illegal, actively supporting
20 girls goals by providing many opportunities as possible for them to
21 participate in sports, the arts, and other positive activities of interest to them,
22 and to be there for the girls when they are in need; and now therefore, be it

23 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
24 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the dedicated
25 administrators and volunteers of 'Island Girl Power!' on the occasion of their

1 3rd Anniversary; and be it further

2 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby
3 on behalf of the people of Guam further offer an *un Dångkolo' na Si Yu'os*
4 *Ma'åse'* to the administrators and volunteers of 'Island Girl Power!' for their
5 integrity, high caliber of professionalism and determination to create a place
6 for the girls of our Island as they take their place and settle in at their new
7 Dededo location; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
9 Legislature attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be
10 thereafter transmitted to Ms. Juanita Blas, Program Director, 'Island Girl
11 Power!'; the *Ayuda* Foundation; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
12 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
ON THE _____ DAY OF AUGUST 2005.**

MARK FORBES

Speaker and

Chairman, Executive Committee

EDWARD J.B. CALVO

Senator and

Secretary of the Legislature