


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

Resolution No. 92 (FC)  
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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

1           **WHEREAS**, some girls who earlier experienced adult and peer approval  
2 for demonstrating athletic abilities before puberty are often discouraged from  
3 participating in many sports once their bodies show signs of maturing, and

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

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

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

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

24           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,

1 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the dedicated  
2 administrators and volunteers of 'Island Girl Power!' on the occasion of their  
3 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary; and be it further

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

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
11 Legislature attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be  
12 thereafter transmitted to Ms. Juanita Blas, Program Director, 'Island Girl  
13 Power!'; the *Ayuda* Foundation; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*  
14 *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.**

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**MARK FORBES**

Speaker and

Chairman, Executive Committee

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**EDWARD J.B. CALVO**

Senator and

Secretary of the Legislature