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REPORT TO THE CONVENTION BY THE
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND
OTHER MATTERS

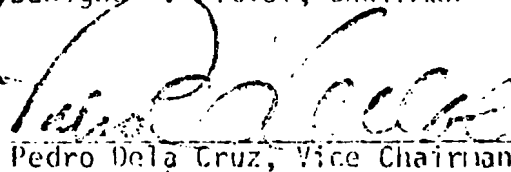
Subject: Committee Recommendation Number 9:
Preamble

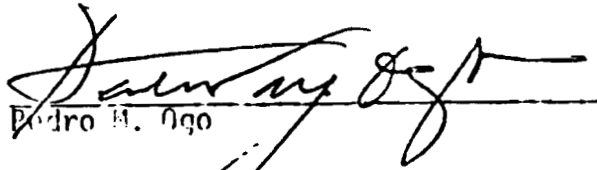
The Committee on Finance, Local Government and Other Matters recommends that the Convention adopt in principle the attached Preamble to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

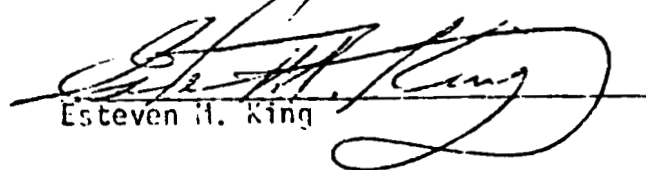
The Committee believes that the Preamble should set the tone of the Constitution by being a dignified expression of the general commitment and ideals of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands. To reflect these values, the Preamble recommended by the Committee contains wording that proclaims the establishment of the Constitution, the commitment to political union with the United States of America, and the desire for a government that respects individual liberty, social equality, the Chamorro and Carolinian heritage, the preciousness of the land and resources of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the culture, history, and traditions of the people of the new Commonwealth.

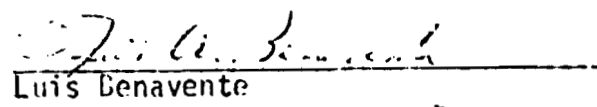
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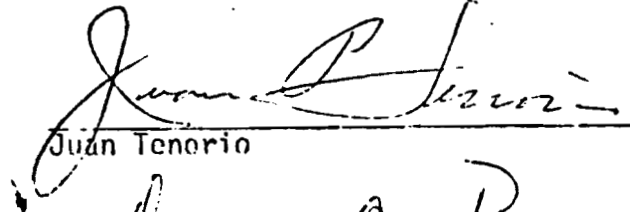

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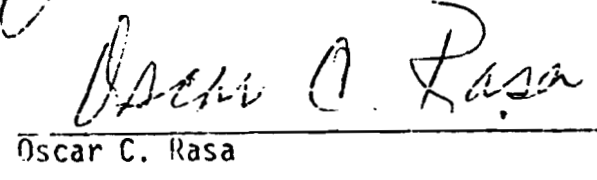

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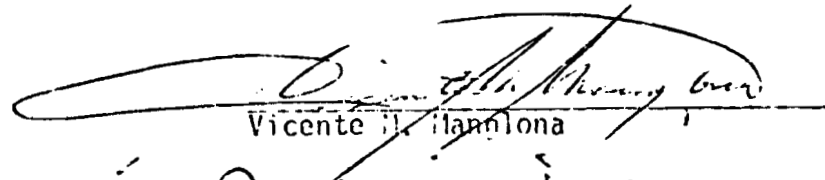

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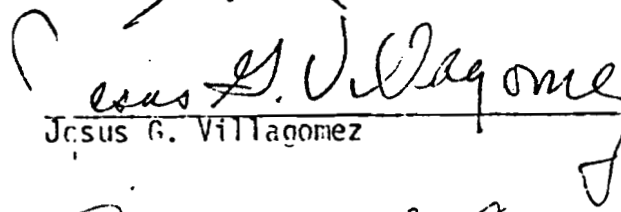

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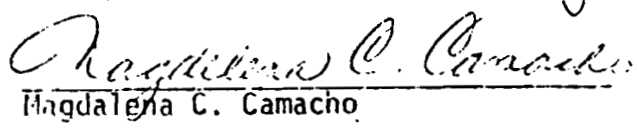

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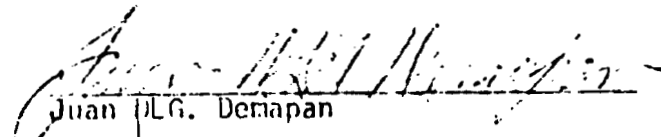

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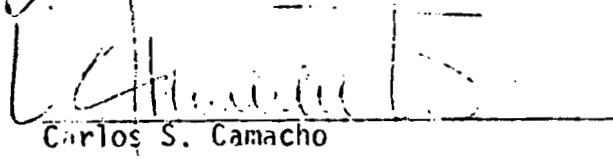

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PREAMBLE

We, the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, ordain and establish this Constitution for our Commonwealth and reaffirm our adherence to the Constitution of the United States of America. We declare our goal of establishing a government in political union with the United States that respects and preserves our personal liberty and social equality, our Chamorro and Carolinian heritage, our land and its resources, and our culture, history and traditions.