

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
of the
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Resolution No. 14

A RESOLUTION

Regarding the Consideration of the Constitution by the People of the Northern Mariana Islands.

WHEREAS, the Northern Mariana Constitutional Convention has adopted a Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, the Covenant To Establish a Commonwealth in Political Union with the United States provides that the Constitution be submitted to the Northern Marianas people for their consideration in a referendum; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that all the people fully understand each of the provisions of the proposed Constitution in order to determine whether to approve the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that all persons qualified to vote in the Northern Mariana Islands participate in the referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Covenant conditions the effectiveness of the Constitution on approval by the United States government following ratification by the Northern Marianas people;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention urge the Northern Mariana Islands Legislature to establish a Committee in Support of the Constitution whose membership will include delegates to this Convention, members of the Legislature, representatives of the Office of Transition Studies and Planning, and community, professional and business leaders and will represent the islands and cultural and ethnic groups of the Northern Marianas for the purpose of promoting support for the Constitution among the people and its approval by the United States; and

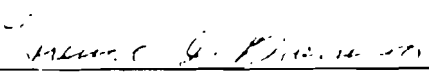
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee utilize the most appropriate and effective means of political education to explain the Constitution to the people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee retain such professional assistance as it requires to conduct the program of political education and to secure United States approval of the Constitution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature appropriate sufficient funds for the Committee to fulfill its objectives;

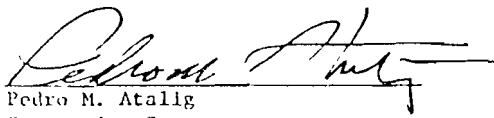
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Convention be requested to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Speaker of the Northern Mariana Islands Legislature and to the Resident Commissioner of the Northern Mariana Islands.

ADOPTED: December 6, 1976



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ATTEST:



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