

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
of the
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Resolution No. 17

A RESOLUTION

Requesting the United States Government to Approve Expeditiously the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

WHEREAS, the Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention has adopted a Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and, by the President of the Convention, has transmitted the Constitution to the Resident Commissioner for submission to the people;

WHEREAS, within the next three months the people will vote on whether to approve the Constitution;

WHEREAS, upon approval by the people the Constitution will be placed before the United States government for its consideration;

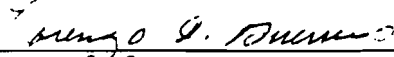
WHEREAS, the Constitution reflects the political aspirations of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands as expressed by their elected representatives sitting in Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Northern Mariana Islands urgently desire to attain constitutional government in political union with the United States of America at the earliest possible moment;

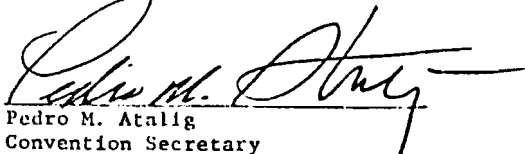
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention request the United States government to accord prompt consideration to approval of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands following its approval by the people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Convention be requested to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States.

ADOPTED: December 6, 1976


Lorenzo D. Guerrero
Convention President

ATTEST:


Pedro M. Atalig
Convention Secretary