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SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, 1985
SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

PROPOSAL

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 144-85

A PROPOSAL

To repeal section 18, Article III of the constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands relevant to the Executive Assistant for Carolinian Affairs, and to reinstate with the following amendments:

Section 1. The Office of Carolinian Affairs (OCA) shall be headed by the Director of Carolinian Affairs who shall be ~~be~~ elected at large on general election every two years and be a member of the governor council.

Section 2. Qualification. Director of Carolinian Affairs shall be a person of a Northern Mariana carolinian decent and a citizen of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or of the United States of America. He or She shall have attained the age of thirty and of a sound mind. No person convicted of a felony maybe eligible for this office. He or she shall be a resident and domiciliary of the Northern Mariana Islands for at least ten years.

Section 3. Power and Function. The Director may conduct hearing relevant to grievances from the carolinian community and report to the governor or affected agencies for redress of grievances and he or she shall convey information from the government to the carolinian community, and shall review and extent quality, local and federal, governmental services to ~~t~~ the carolinian people of northern mariana decent.


The Director of Carolinian Affairs shall review the commonwealth budget prior to submission to congress and recommend amendment to the budget relevant to matters affecting carolinian people of northern Mariana decent. Director shall maintain open communication between his office and governmental departments and other agencies and may require ~~write~~ written information from such agencies on problems affecting carolinians of northern Mariana decent for the purpose of redressing of grievances.

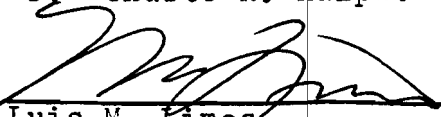
The Director of Carolinian Affairs shall revive, preserve and keep archives of carolinian's heritage and culture.

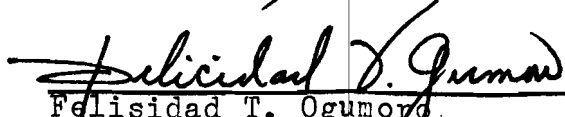
Section 4. Term of Office. The term of office shall be two years. No person may be elected Director of Carolinian Affairs more than four times.

Section 5. Succession to the Director for Carolinian Affairs
In case of removal, resignation, disability or death of the Director, the governor shall appoint the acting Director of Carolinian Affairs.

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