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CHAMORRO/CAROLINIAN LANGUAGE POLICY COMMISSION

June 28, 1985

Delegate Lorenzo I Guerrero
Chairman
Committee on Finance & Other Matters
Second Northern Marianas Constitutional
Convention
Saipan, CM 96950

Dear Mr. Guerrero:

The traditional Carolinian MWAR, weaved fresh flower head ornament is one of the most authentic links among our Carolinians today and our ancestral past. The wearing of MWAR has been practiced for generations and enjoyed today even by our Chamorro brothers and sisters and visitors to our islands. MWAR is not a mere decorative ornament on our heads.

The wearing of Mwar among our Carolinians symbolizes our strong family ties, our respect for our men who are often away from our villages for days to fish and hunt for our family's survival, for our love and respect among our own brothers and sisters, for our love to sing and dance in the cool evening of the nights, for our love to celebrate a newborn child, for the union of two loved ones on their wedding day, for our love and friendship with those departing, arriving and for our love for peace and tranquility.

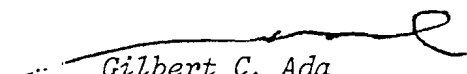
There has been a tremendous decline of the use of our cultures and traditions. Fortunately, the creation of the office of Council for Arts and Culture and our Language Commission are now exerting more efforts and dedications toward preserving and enhancing our traditional and cultural heritages. Let us show the world that these are our national identities and of our love and respect for peace and freedom for all mankind.

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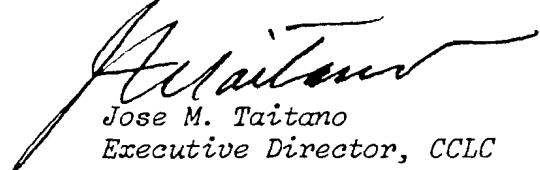
2. "MWAR THE TRADITIONAL HEAD ORNAMENT SHOULD REFLECT THE CAROLINIAN CULTURAL HERITAGE ON OUR CNMI FLAG.

In sosoyo hamyo na en rekoknisa este na direchon i Chamorro yan Refalewasch. Si Yu'us Ma'ase pot i atensionmiyo yan si Yu'us infanbinendise.

Respectfully yours,



Gilbert C. Ada
Chairman, CCLC



Jose M. Taitano
Executive Director, CCLC

cc: All Delegates, Constitutional Convention