

SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, 1985

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION NO. 12

A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

To add a new subsection to Article III, Section 18 to require that the salary of the Executive Assistant for Carolinian Affairs not be less than that of an executive department head.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

Upon ratification pursuant to Section 5 of Article XVIII of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution and Public Law No. 4-30, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is amended as follows:

- 1     1. Effective upon ratification, a new subsection is added to  
2     Section 18 of Article III to read:  
3         "\_\_\_\_) The annual salary of the Executive Assistant  
4     for Carolinian Affairs <sup>MAY</sup> ~~shall~~ be not less than the annual  
5     salary of a head of an executive department."  
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*Adopted by Comte of the  
Whole. on 7/1/85  
Adopted by 2nd & final reading  
7/14/85*

Committee on Governmental  
Institutions

SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION  
HOUSE OF TAGA  
SAIPAN, CM 96950

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION NO. 12  
RE: DELEGATE PROPOSAL NO. 88-85  
June 27, 1985

The Honorable Herman T. Guerrero  
President  
Second Northern Marianas  
Constitutional Convention  
Saipan, CM 96950

Dear Mr. President:

Your Committee on Governmental Institutions begs leave to report on its deliberation on Delegate Proposal numbered 88-85, which was referred to it for deliberation and is entitled:

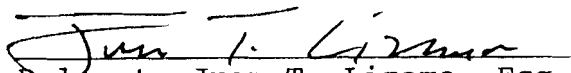
To amend Article III, Section 18 of the Northern Marianas Constitution relating to the salary of the Executive Assistant for Carolinian Affairs.

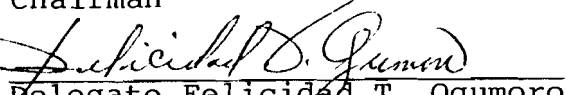
Your Committee, after extensive deliberation on the above Delegate Proposal, strongly recommends the adoption of the Proposal with the following amendment:

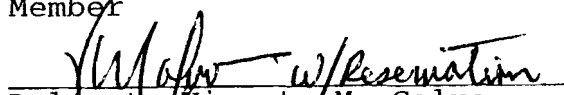
1. On line 5, delete "... be equal to ..." and insert "... not be less than ..."
2. On line 6, delete "... each of ..." and insert "... any ..."

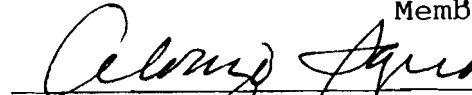
Your Committee urges the unanimous endorsement of other delegates to this Convention.

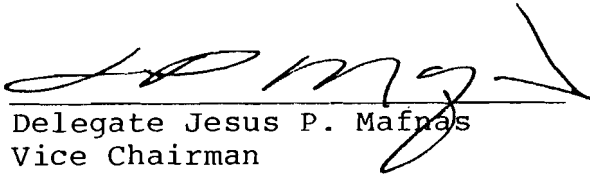
Respectfully submitted,


  
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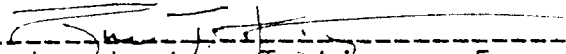
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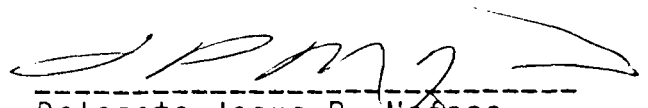
Your Committee finds that the position of Executive Assistant for Carolinian Affairs is difficult and important. The constitution enumerates five responsibilities for the Executive Assistant, responsibilities this person must carry out with limited powers and few resources beyond his personal skills. In a sense, the Executive Assistant has the responsibility of ensuring that government services reflect the needs of, and are delivered on an equitable basis to, persons of all ethnic groups. This constitutional amendment is necessary in order to ensure that the salary of the Executive Assistant properly reflects the responsibility and stature of the position.


Delegate Proposals: Your Committee carefully considered two delegate proposals in its deliberations, Delegate Proposal No. 88-85 and Delegate Proposal No. 144-85. The substance of Delegate Proposal No. 88-85 was adopted by your Committee and included in this recommendation. Substantively, Delegate Proposal No. 144-85 would have changed the title of the Executive Assistant for Carolinian Affairs and have this person elected; the powers and responsibilities of the Executive Assistant would have remained essentially the same. Your Committee rejected this proposal primarily because of the administrative and practical difficulties of electing a person specifically of Carolinian descent and potential constitutional problems with such an approach.

Therefore, your Committee strongly urges all delegates to support the attached committee recommendation.

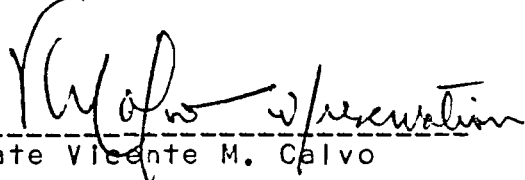
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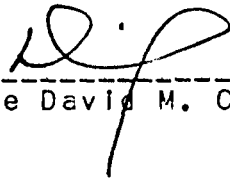
  
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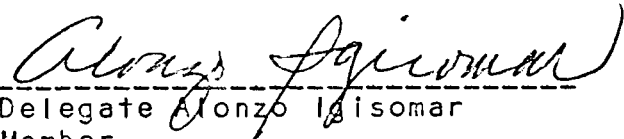
  
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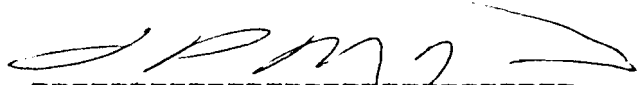
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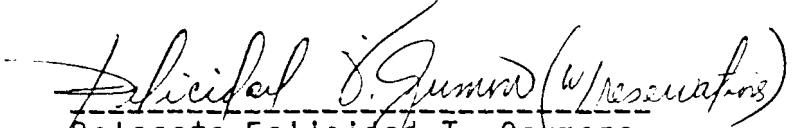
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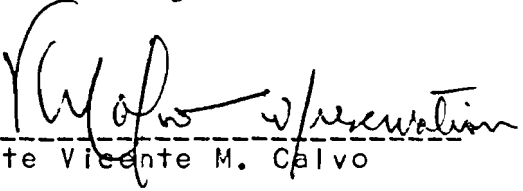
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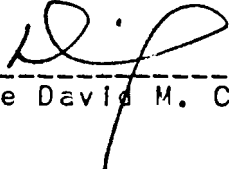
  
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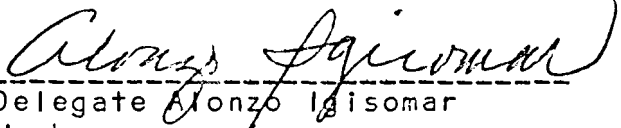
  
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