

Second Constitutional Convention
Saipan, Northern Marianas

Delegate Proposal No. 293-85

FROM

A Proposal

To establish the official language of the Northern Marianas and regulate the use of foreign languages.

BE IT PROPOSED that a new article is added to the Constitution as follows:

"ARTICLE _____. Languages

"Section 1. The official language of government shall be English.

"Section 2. The government shall encourage the usage and preservation of the Chamorro and Carolinian languages where appropriate in government, schools and society in general.

"Section 3. No alien laborer's permit shall be issued to a foreign person who cannot speak in understandable English. An exemption may be granted by the governor or his designee only to persons in occupations not requiring regular contacts with the general public and only after announcing in a local newspaper his intention to do so.

"Section 4. No sign in foreign languages is permitted in the Northern Marianas unless it is accompanied by a sign in English.

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