

A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

To propose an amendment to Article X of the Northern Marianas  
Constitution to provide for a Uniform Fiscal Management Policy.

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  
to read as follows:

1 I. Effective upon ratification, new Sections \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ are  
2 added to Article X - Taxation and Public Finance - to read:

3 "Section \_\_\_\_ . Control of Public Finance. The  
4 Department of Finance shall control and regulate the  
5 expenditure of public funds appropriated for the three  
6 branches of government. The Department <sup>of Finance</sup> shall promulgate  
7 regulations including accounting procedures that require public  
8 officials to provide full and reasonable documentation that  
9 public funds are expended for public purposes.

10 "Section \_\_\_\_ . Taxpayer's Right of Action. A taxpayer  
11 or other person may bring an action against the government or  
12 one of its instrumentalities if it has deprived the person of  
13 any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Covenant,  
14 Constitution, or laws of the Northern Mariana Islands. The  
15 court shall award costs and reasonable attorneys fees to any  
16 person who prevails in such an action.

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