
A RESOLUTION

RELATIVE TO REQUESTING THE COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE TO
EXTEND THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR AN ADDITIONAL
TEN (10) DAY PERIOD.

1 WHEREAS, under Public Law No. 4-30, the Constitutional Convention was only
2 allocated thirty (30) calendar days to complete its work on the Constitution; and

3 WHEREAS, while some of the 315 proposals introduced to amend the Constitution
4 are duplicates or matters of legislative concern, additional time is needed to
5 fully discuss the more substantive proposals; and

6 WHEREAS, since this our Second Constitutional Convention, every effort should
7 be made to ensure that another Constitutional Convention will not be required for
8 at least another decade; and

9 WHEREAS, with the shortage of funds, available to the Convention it is not
10 possible to hire independent legal staff or experienced research staff personnel
11 sufficient to assist in carrying out our responsibilities efficiently and
12 expeditiously within the time frame allowed under Public Law No 4-30; and

13 WHEREAS, extension of the life of the Convention will necessitate additional
14 funding to cover the costs of the Convention's work in an amount at least proportional
15 to funding originally provided to the Convention; now, therefore

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Second Constitutional Convention that the
17 Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature be and hereby requested to extend
18 the life of the Convention for an additional ten (10) days and provided supplemental
19 funding proportional to the funding provided for the initial ten (10) days; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Convention shall certify and
21 the Convention Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and transmit
22 copies thereof to the speaker of the House and President of the Senate, Fourth Common-