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To amend Article V relative to representation in the United States.

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. Effective upon ratification, Article V is amended to read:

"ARTICLE V: REPRESENTATION IN THE UNITED STATES

Section 1. Resident Representative to the United States. A resident representative to the United States shall be elected to represent the Commonwealth in the United States and perform those related duties provided by law. The governor shall provide a certification of selection promptly to the United States Department of State and to the resident representative.

Section 2. Term of Office. The term of office of the resident representative shall be two years, except that on the second Monday of January 1990, the term of office of the resident representative shall be increased to four years. In the event that the United States confers the status of member or non-voting delegate in the United States Congress on the resident representative and such status requires a different term, the term of office of the resident representative shall be that required by such status.

Section 3. Qualifications. The resident representative shall be qualified to vote in the

1 Commonwealth, a citizen of the United States, at least
2 twenty-five years of age, and a resident and domiciliary of
3 the Commonwealth for at least seven years immediately
4 preceding the date on which the resident representative
5 takes office. A different period of residence and domicile
6 may be provided by law. No person convicted of a felony in
7 the Commonwealth or in any area under the jurisdiction of
8 the United States may be eligible for this office unless a
9 full pardon has been granted.

10 Section 4. Annual Report. The resident
11 representative shall submit a written report by the first
12 day of March of each year, except that an outgoing resident
13 representative shall submit a final written report by the
14 second Monday of January of the year he or she leaves
15 office, to the governor and legislature on the resident
16 representative's official activities during the preceding
17 year and matters requiring the attention of the government
18 or people of the Commonwealth.

19 Section 5. Compensation. The resident representative
20 shall receive an annual salary and reasonable allowance for
21 expenses provided by law. The salary may not be changed
22 during a term of office. The staff of the office of the
23 resident representative shall be exempted from the civil
24 service.

25 Section 6. Vacancy. In the event of a vacancy in the
26 office of resident representative to the United States, the
27 governor shall appoint a successor with the advice and
28 consent of the legislature unless the United States confers
29 the status of member or non-voting delegate in the United
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1 Which case vacancies shall be filled in the manner required
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5 section 8, of this Constitution for treason, commission of
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