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FOREWORD

The Second Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention was held in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, commencing on June 18, 1985 and adjourning sine die on July 22, 1985. The Convention consisted of twenty-four delegates from the senatorial districts of Saipan, Rota and Tinian.

Public Law 4-30 was enacted by the Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature and signed into law by Honorable Pedro P. Tenorio, Governor, on _____. The law provides for a constitutional convention to propose amendments to the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands; to prescribe its powers, duties, functions, and procedures; to provide for the election of delegates; and to specify the method by which proposed amendments shall be ratified. The sessions of the Convention was extended to 35 days from 30 days by Public Law 4-50, signed on July 17, 1990. The Convention received its funding under Public Law 4-52.

The following pages represent the documentation of the official records and activities of the Second Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention, compiled in a two-volume Journal.

Volume I consists of a signed copy of the proposed amendments to the Constitution of Northern Mariana Islands as it was adopted by the Convention on Monday, July 22, 1985. Also contained in this volume are listings of the Convention officers, delegates, committee membership, as well as the Convention staff by names and titles. Recorded on pages 1 through _____ are the verbatim minutes of the daily proceedings of the Convention's Plenary Sessions. This volume also included miscellaneous communications.

Volume II contains the committee reports and proposals from the Convention delegates. Also, included in this volume are the Convention's official rules of procedure, enabling legislations (P.L. 4-30 and P.L. 4-50); and resolutions adopted by the Convention.

This Convention Journal is dedicated to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands and to the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas.

July 1985

William B. Nabors
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CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the Journal for each day's session, having been either been adopted by the Convention or approved by the President after the adjournment, as the same appears in this Journal of the Second Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention of 1985, is true and correct and that the original thereof has been duly signed by the President and the Convention Secretary of the Second Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention of 1985.

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