

THIRD CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

To mourn the late Representative Jesus P. Mafnas upon the occasion of his untimely demise and to express sympathy and condolences to his bereaved family.

1           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Jesus Pangelinan Mafnas was born on  
2 June 5, 1942 on the island of Yap in the Western Caroline Islands to Juan Rios  
3 Mafnas (deceased) and to Victoria Pangelinan Concepcion, and was a devoted  
4 family man, married to Susana Tenorio Mafnas, whose union was blessed with  
5 four children, Blas, Celina, Rufo, and Jennifer; and

6           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas received his early  
7 education on Saipan, his high school diploma from Father Duenas Memorial  
8 High School in Guam and attended the University of Guam and the University  
9 of Hawaii between 1961 and 1975; and

10           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas began his long career of  
11 public service to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands as a teacher for  
12 the Marianas District Government from 1962 to 1965; he continued with  
13 service in the Trust Territory Government in succeeding more responsible  
14 positions beginning as an Account Clerk in the Budget and Finance office of  
15 the Trust Territory Government in 1965; as the Assistant Economic Affairs  
16 Advisor for the Marianas District Government; as a Budget and Accounting  
17 Specialist with the Peace Corps in Micronesia; as a Management Intern and  
18 Assistant Finance Officer for the Trust Territory Department of Budget and  
19 Finance; as the Special Assistant to the Chief of Finance and Accounting  
20 Division of the Trust Territory Government; and finally as Chief of Revenue  
21 for the Trust Territory Government from 1973 to 1976; and

22           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas was active in shaping the  
23 evolving political environment of the new Commonwealth and was a founding  
24 member of the Republican Party; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1979 the late Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas returned to public  
2 service as the Commonwealth's Personnel Officer in which capacity he served  
3 from 1986 through 1990 and wherein he was instrumental in establishing the  
4 civil service as an integral institution of the Commonwealth government; and

5 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas served as a Delegate to the  
6 Second Constitutional Convention in 1985 wherein he contributed  
7 significantly to the revision of the Constitution by authoring numerous  
8 significant proposals and serving on essential committees; and

9 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas sought and attained  
10 elective office first as a member of the Fifth District Legislature from 1976 to  
11 1978; then as a member of the House of Representatives in the Eighth  
12 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature from 1992 to 1994; and finally  
13 as Vice Speaker of the Ninth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature  
14 from January 1994 until his tragic and untimely death on May 21, 1995; and,  
15 therefore

16 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Third Constitutional Convention, Commonwealth  
17 of the Northern Mariana Islands, that the Convention mourns the passing of  
18 one of the founding fathers of the Commonwealth, the late Honorable Jesus P.  
19 Mafnas and extends its deepest sympathy and profoundest condolences to his  
20 wife, children, and family; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Convention shall  
22 certify shall certify and the Secretary of the Convention shall attest to the  
23 adoption of this resolution and thereafter transmit copies to Mrs. Susana T.  
24 Mafnas, to Blas Mafnas, Celina Mafnas Muna, Rufo Mafnas and Jennifer  
25 Mafnas; to the Honorable Froilan C. Tenorio, Governor of the Commonwealth of  
26 the Northern Mariana Islands; to the Honorable Diego T. Benavente, Speaker of  
27 the House of Representatives; to the Honorable Juan S. Demapan, the President  
28 of the Senate; to the Honorable Jesus S. DeLeon Guerrero, Mayor of Saipan; to  
29 the Honorable Herman Mangloña, Mayor of Tinian; to the Honorable Joseph S.  
30 Inos, Mayor of Rota; and to the Honorable Joseph Ogumoro, Mayor of the  
31 Northern Islands.

*Tenorio Smith*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced By: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate James M. Mendiola

*[Handwritten signatures and scribbles]*

Jano A. Fairing / Mayor of the School

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