



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention -1472-

Delegate Proposal No. 444

Date: June 16, 1995

It is proposed that a constitutional amendment be prepared that does the following:

Provides for the governance of indigeous affairs as follows--

- (1) Establishes a Council for Indigenous Affairs consisting of five members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. They would serve at the pleasure of the Governor, and their terms would end with the Governor's term.
- (2) Three members would be appointed from Saipan: 1 Carolinian, and 1 from the business sector. One member would be appointed from Tinian, and one member would be appointed from Rota.
- (3) The Council would appoint an Executive Director, a Director for Chamorro Affairs, and a Director for Carolinian Affairs.
- (4) The Council would be responsible for the scholarship, medical referral, and cultural preservation and promotion programs.
- (5) The Council's programs would be funded from the interest earned by the Marianas Public Land Trust and the proceeds from public land leases.

Deletes the present constitutional offices of Carolinian Affairs, Indigenous Affairs, and Women's Affairs would be deleted.

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CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. III (new section added), 18, 22, 23; Art. XI, Sec. 6

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: None