



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

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Delegate Proposal No. 463

Date: June 16, 1995

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

Provides for a Council for Indigenous Affairs established as an independent agency of the government as follows:

(1) The Council shall have five members, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(2) The members shall serve four year terms. Two of the first five members shall serve two year terms. The first council members shall draw lots to determine which get two year terms and which get four year terms.

(3) The qualifications for office are:


- . United States citizen
- . Registered voter in the CNMI
- . Background and capability in Chamorro or Carolinian language, customs, and traditions

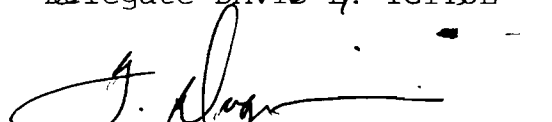
(4) The Council shall appoint an executive director and a deputy director, one of whom shall have background and capability in Chamorro language, customs and traditions; and one of whom shall have background and capability in Carolinian language, customs and traditions.

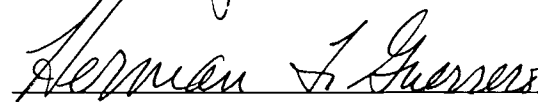
(5) The Council shall have the duties and responsibilities now assigned to the Resident Executive for Indigenous Affairs, the Executive Assistant for Carolinian Affairs, the Language Commission, and the Council for Arts and Culture. The Council shall register persons of CNMI descent and determine eligibility for homesteads. The Council shall have such other duties and responsibilities as provided by law.

Deletes from the Constitution the separate provisions for the Executive Assistant for Carolinian Affairs, the Special Assistant for Women's Affairs, and the Resident Executive for Indigeous Affairs.

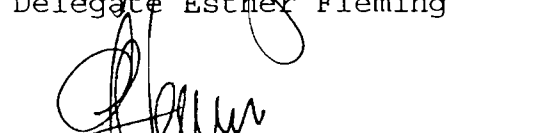
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CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. III, Sec. 18, 22, 23

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: None