

THIRD CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

RESOLUTION NO. 7

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

To unequivocally condemn and express adamant opposition to France's declared intention to resume nuclear testing in the South Pacific region.

1 WHEREAS, the proliferation of nuclear weapons, beginning with the
2 bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, followed by the military standoff
3 of the Cold War era, and continuing with the pursuit of nuclear capability by
4 diverse national interests, has created an unprecedented threat to the
5 continued existence of human civilization and possibly life on Earth; and

6 WHEREAS, the pursuit of nuclear military power by nations through
7 research, development, testing, and implementation has diverted immense
8 natural, human and financial resources away from more productive political
9 and social endeavors;

10 WHEREAS, the people of the Pacific, having been made an unwitting
11 battleground for the military conflicts of World War II, were then further
12 exploited as a testing ground for nuclear weapons by industrialized nations
13 without the consultation or consent of the affected island communities; and

14 WHEREAS, these prior programs of nuclear testing caused untold
15 suffering, illness and death to the indigenous people of those islands and
16 poisoned by radioactive contamination the lands and waters which had served
17 as their livelihood since time immemorial; and

18 WHEREAS, the majority of the nations of the world have come to realize
19 that the only viable solution for the future of human civilization is the
20 achievement of a stable world order wherein all nations can pursue self
21 determination without detriment to world peace; and

22 WHEREAS, the necessary first step to a stable world order is the
23 containment of the proliferation of nuclear weapons and eventual nuclear
24 disarmament; and

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1 WHEREAS, to this end one hundred and seventy nations have agreed to
2 indefinitely extend the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty and the major
3 nuclear powers, including the United Sates, Britain, France and Russia are
4 scheduled to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty; and

5 WHEREAS, in contravention of this international consensus to contain
6 and reduce nuclear weaponry, France has recently announced that it plans to
7 conduct a series of eight nuclear tests at Moraroa, French Polynesia between
8 September 1995 and May 1996; and

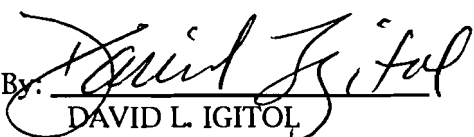
9 WHEREAS, these plans for nuclear testing represent a blatant disregard
10 and disrespect for the sentiments, health and welfare of the peoples of the
11 region and place the lands and waters of common to all Pacific peoples at risk
12 for renewed radioactive contamination; and

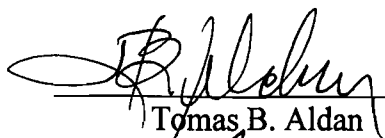
13 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, by and
14 through its elected representatives in the Third Northern Marianas
15 Constitutional Convention wish to declare their solidarity with the people of
16 French Polynesia and join the other Pacific nations of Guam, American and
17 Western Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Nauru, Kiribati, New Zealand and Australia
18 in opposing and condemning France's plans to engage in renewed nuclear
19 testing; now, therefore

20 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Third Northern Marianas Constitutional
21 Convention to adamantly oppose and unequivocally condemn any attempt by
22 any nation to subject the people, islands and ocean of the Pacific to the
23 dangers and risks of nuclear testing and to express support for a permanent
24 halt to nuclear testing; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Convention shall
26 certify and the Secretary of the Convention shall attest to the adoption of this
27 resolution and thereafter transmit copies to the Governor of the
28 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the President of the United
29 States of America, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
30 United States House of Representatives, the President of France, the Governor
31 of Guam, the Governor of Hawaii, the Governor of American Samoa, and to the
32 Heads of State of Japan, Philippines, Western Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Nauru,
33 Kiribati, New Zealand, Australia, Marshall Islands, Palau, Federated States of
34 Micronesia, Secretariat of South Pacific Commission, and the Secretariat of the
35 South Pacific Forum.

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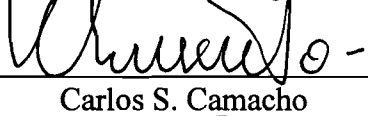

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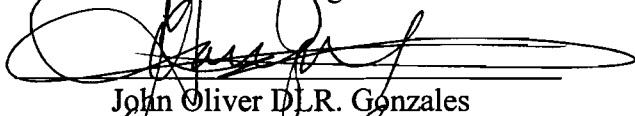
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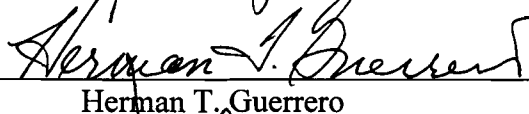

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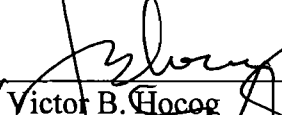

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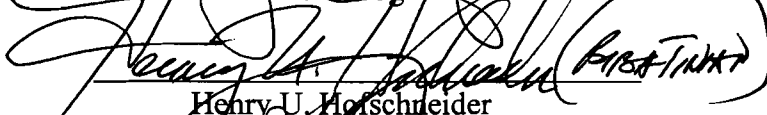

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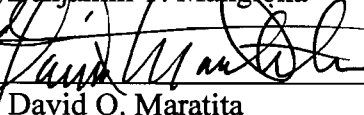

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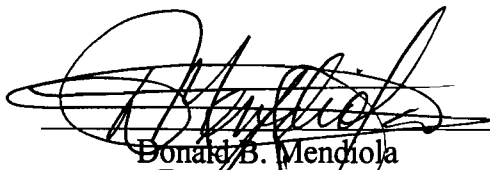

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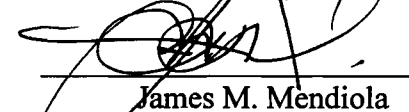

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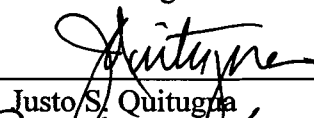

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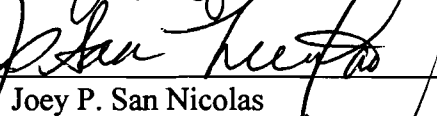

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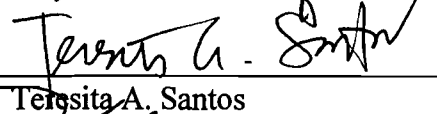

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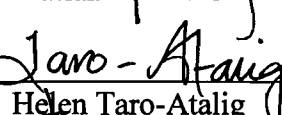

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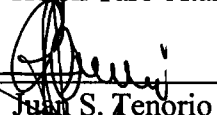

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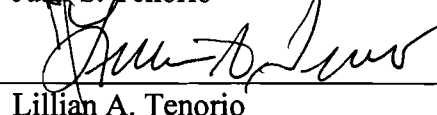

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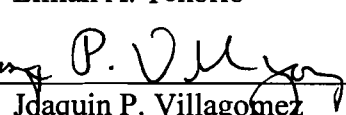

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