

THIRD CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

RESOLUTION NO. 9

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

To recognize the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki nuclear bombings and to mourn the hardship and loss of life suffered by all people affected by the Second World War.

1 WHEREAS, coming August 6 and August 9, 1995 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the
2 devastation by atomic bombs of the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki; and

3 WHEREAS, although these bombings signaled the end of World War II in the Pacific region, they
4 also caused the instantaneous death of over 78,000 people in Hiroshima and of 40,000 people in Nagasaki
5 and the virtual destruction of both cities; and

6 WHEREAS, due to the suffering experienced by our own people during World War II, we are able to
7 feel particular empathy for the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and for all of the other victims of the
8 war; and

9 WHEREAS, although there has not been, in the intervening fifty years, a repetition of the use of
10 nuclear weapons in war, the theory of nuclear deterrence kept the world poised on the brink of nuclear
11 devastation throughout the Cold War Era; and

12 WHEREAS, when the Cold War ended in the late 1980's, the danger of a catastrophic nuclear
13 exchange between the superpowers decreased, the nuclear arsenals accumulated by the superpowers and
14 their allies continue to pose a threat to world security; and

15 WHEREAS, the nuclear threat continues with the proliferation of nuclear weapons and technology
16 as additional political entities seek to possess these ultimate weapons of destruction; and

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1 WHEREAS, indigenous peoples everywhere have been particularly victimized by nuclear testing
2 from Marshall Islanders who decades after testing still cannot return to their native islands, to Australian
3 Aborigines who received little or no warning before British tests irradiated them in the 1950's, to Native
4 American uranium miners who continue to suffer and die from radiation induced cancers; and

5 WHEREAS, the recent announcement by the French government of plans for renewed nuclear
6 testing in the South Pacific once again directly threatens the health and welfare of our region; and

7 WHEREAS, our own people of the Northern Marianas endured suffering and death during World
8 War II as the battleground of a war to whose politics and genesis we were completely innocent
9 bystanders; and

10 WHEREAS, the powerful and lasting lesson of that legacy is a deeply felt dedication to world
11 peace; now, therefore,




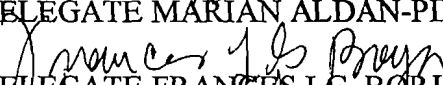


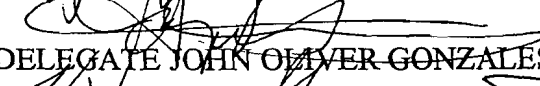



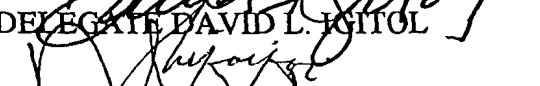

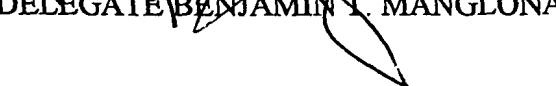
12 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Third Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention, that on this fiftieth
13 anniversary of the tragedy of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we remember, honor and mourn the victims of those
14 bombings and support international efforts now underway to halt nuclear testing; to contain proliferation of
15 nuclear weapons; to pursue complete nuclear disarmament; and to promote the elimination of war as an
16 institution; and

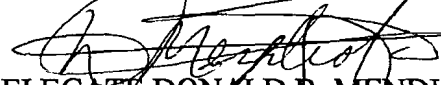
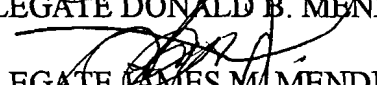


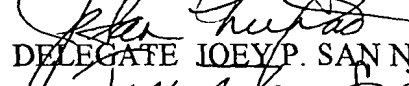

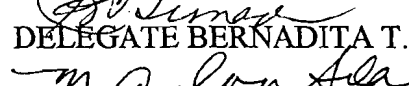
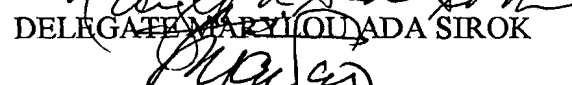
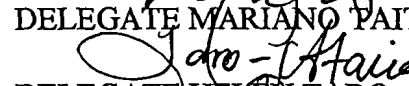


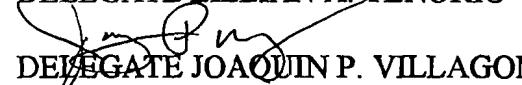

17 BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the Convention shall certify and the Secretary of the
18 Convention shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and thereafter transmit copies to the Governor of
19 the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; to the Presiding Officers of the Northern Marianas
20 Commonwealth Legislature; to the Governor of the Territory of Guam; to the President of the United States;

1 to the Prime Minister of Japan; to the Mayor of Hiroshima; to the Mayor of Nagasaki; and, to the Mayors
2 of Saipan, Tinian and Aguiguan, and Rota.

4 Date: 7/20/95

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