

**NINETEENTH COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS YOUTH CONGRESS**

3RD REGULAR Session, 2023

Y.C. Res. No. 19- 05

A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION

Relative to recognizing the delegates of the Diocese of
Chalan Kanoa to the 2023 World Youth Day, held from
Aug. 1-6, 2023, in Lisbon, Portugal

1 **WHEREAS**, on July 24, 2023, 40 delegates from the Diocese of Chalan
2 Kanoa started their three-week long journey to ultimately celebrate mass with Pope
3 Francis, the head of the Roman Catholic Church, during the 2023 World Youth Day
4 (WYD) hosted in Lisbon, Portugal; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the World Youth Day event is a Catholic celebration in which
6 pilgrims from all over the world are able to profess and deepen their faith, address
7 universal issues that affect the Roman Catholic Church, and celebrate mass with
8 the most holy father, Pope Francis; and

9 **WHEREAS**, parishes all over the Commonwealth had diverse and unique
10 ways of providing the essential funds necessary to make this mission possible,
11 examples include golf tournaments, family fun days, bake sales, car washes,
12 producing donation boxes, while other parishes took a different approach by
13 fundraising through pledges; and

1 **WHEREAS**, with months of discipline and diligence, the delegates
2 successfully traveled to Portugal where they exposed themselves to once in a
3 lifetime experiences; and

4 **WHEREAS**, prior to the main World Youth Day events, representatives of
5 the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa participated in the Days in the Diocese hosted by the
6 Diocese of Algarve in Tavira, Portugal; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in the Days in the Diocese, parishes from all around the world
8 were able to gather together as young people from July 24-31, 2023, before the
9 2023 World Youth Day that took place the following week; and

10 **WHEREAS**, on August 1, 2023, the representatives of the Diocese of
11 Chalan Kanoa took on a more rigorous journey as they ventured into the World
12 Youth Day celebration; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the delegates were housed in a school gym in Lisbon that
14 accommodated over 50 pilgrims and had only two available shower rooms and also
15 walked by foot to their destination when public transportation was not accessible;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, the delegates endured numerous environments that refused to
18 emphasize the commodities of the modern world, to mimic a sense of what life was
19 like for pilgrims hundreds of years ago during the times of Christ; and

20 **WHEREAS**, despite the discomfort and hardships experienced, the
21 delegates were able to lead group conversations of over 100 youth pilgrims, lead
22 Eucharistic Celebrations at historic catholic venues, and spread the positivity and

1 beauty of the CNMI which revealed their sheer leadership, perseverance and
2 compassion; and


3 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Nineteenth
4 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress, that the Youth
5 Congress recognize the pilgrims from the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa for their hard
6 work and perseverance prior and during the 2023 World Youth Day and for
7 representing the CNMI at the biggest Catholic function in the world; and

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sponsor of this Resolution or the
9 designee of the Speaker of the Youth Congress shall present a certified original
10 copy of this Youth Congress Resolution to the Most Reverend Ryan P. Jimenez,
11 Bishop of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa; and


12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the Youth Congress
13 shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the
14 adoption of this resolution and thereafter shall transmit a certified copy to the
15 Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House of Representatives (23rd
16 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature); the Honorable Edith E. DeLeon
17 Guerrero, President of the Senate (23rd Northern Marianas Commonwealth
18 Legislature); the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Governor of the Commonwealth of
19 the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Gregorio Kili Camacho Sablan,
20 CNMI Delegate to the House of Representatives (118th United States Congress).

Date: _____

Introduced by: _____



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