

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

4TH REGULAR Session, 2023

Y.C. Res. No. 19- 06

A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION

To recognize and commend Mr. Kean Pajarillaga of Grace Christian Academy for his record-setting performance in the 9th FINA Junior World Championship in Netayna, Israel.

1 **WHEREAS**, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend and
2 recognize those young individuals who have inspired and brought pride to our
3 Commonwealth by achieving outstanding success in international sports
4 competition; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships or
6 Junior World Championships is an international swimming championship event
7 that is organized by World Aquatics open for females ages 14 through 17, and males
8 ages 15 through 18; and

9 **WHEREAS**, hosted in Netanya, Israel, the World Aquatics Junior
10 Swimming Championships was held from September 4-9, 2023 with over 600
11 swimmers from around the world expected to compete; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the CNMI national junior swimming team consisted of: Taiyo
13 Akimaru, Jinie Thompson, and Kean Pajarillaga; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the 9th FINA Junior World Championships was the first ever
2 international swimming competition Pajarillaga; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on Saturday, September 9th 2023, Pajarillaga competed in the
4 Men 200 Backstroke where he set the new CNMI record with a time of 2:16.69
5 which beat the previous record of 2:18.04 set by Kensuke Kimura; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Pajarillaga’s time earned him second place in Heat 1 of the
7 competition; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Pajarillaga’s showed his commitment by attending practices
9 and learning from his coaches Richard Sikkel and Hiroyuki Kimura; and


10 **WHEREAS**, Pajarillaga’s success brings tremendous pride to his school
11 Grace Christian Academy, his family, and the entire CNMI community; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Youth Congress encourages the youth of the CNMI to
13 continue showcasing their great skills and talents in international sports and
14 educational competition around the world; and

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Nineteenth
16 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress, that the Youth
17 Congress recognizes and congratulates Mr. Kean Pajarillaga for his outstanding
18 success in the 9th FINA Junior World Championships; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sponsor of this Resolution or the
20 designee of the Speaker of the Youth Congress shall present a certified original
21 copy of this Youth Congress Resolution to Mr. Kean Pajarillaga; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the Youth Congress
2 shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the
3 adoption of this resolution and thereafter shall transmit a certified copy to the
4 Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House of Representatives (23rd
5 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature); Honorable Edith E. DeLeon
6 Guerrero, President of the Senate (23rd Northern Marianas Commonwealth
7 Legislature); the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Governor of the Commonwealth of
8 the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Gregorio Kili Camacho Sablan,
9 CNMI Delegate to the House of Representatives (118th United States Congress).

Date: 10/21/2023 Introduced by: 
Senator Ayden Sean C. Yumul