

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

5TH REGULAR Session, 2024

Y.C. Res. No. 19- 10

A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION

Honoring Marianas High School teacher and former Youth
Congress Senator Dr. Roque Castro Indalecio on being named the
2024 CNMI State Teacher of the Year.

1 **WHEREAS**, the CNMI Public School System celebrates Education Month
2 annually in the month of November; and

3 **WHEREAS**, this year’s theme of Education Month was “Education Ignites
4 the Flame to Success”; and

5 **WHEREAS**, as part of the celebrations of Education Month, the CNMI
6 Public School System honors faculty and staff for their tremendous contributions
7 to their schools and students, including naming an individual as state teacher of the
8 year; and

9 **WHEREAS**, this year, there were five nominees for the award of state
10 teacher of the year from all levels of education within the public school system; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the award for CNMI State Teacher of the Year was bestowed
12 on Dr. Roque Castro Indalecio, a science teacher from Marianas High School; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Roque Castro Indalecio began his career path in education
14 after graduating from the Northern Marianas College with a Bachelor of Sciences
15 degree in Elementary Education; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Roque Castro Indalecio’s first assignment as an educator
17 was at Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School in 2012; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Roque Castro Indalecio continued down his path of higher
2 education for himself by achieving a Master of Education degree in Curriculum &
3 Instruction from Concordia University; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Roque Castro Indalecio continued enlightening the minds
5 of his students on a higher level when he transferred to Marianas High School and
6 joined the school's science department, where he teaches Chemistry and
7 Environmental Science; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in his continued path of raising the bar higher for himself, Dr.
9 Roque Castro Indalecio earned a Doctoral degree in Education from Walden
10 University in 2021; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Roque Castro Indalecio is the son of Pedro Hocog
12 Indalecio and Maria Pangelinan Castro; and

13 **WHEREAS**, as a youth, Dr. Roque Castro Indalecio also served as a
14 member of this body, elected as a senator in the 7th CNMI Youth Congress
15 representing Precinct 1; and

16 **WHEREAS**, for his passion of fostering an environment where all students
17 can collaborate, engage in critical thinking and unleash their full potential, Dr.
18 Roque Castro Indalecio stands as an inspiration to not just the students in his class,
19 but students of the Commonwealth as a whole; and


20 **WHEREAS**, for all he has achieved, including the title of State Teacher of
21 the Year, this body finds Dr. Roque Castro Indalecio worthy of honor and
22 recognition; and

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Nineteenth
24 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress, that the Youth
25 Congress honors Marianas High School teacher and former Youth Congress
26 Senator Dr. Roque Castro Indalecio on being named the 2024-2025 CNMI State
27 Teacher of the Year; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sponsor of this Resolution or the
2 designee of the Speaker of the Youth Congress shall present a certified original
3 copy of this Youth Congress Resolution to Dr. Roque Castro Indalecio; and

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the Youth Congress
5 shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the
6 adoption of this resolution and thereafter shall transmit a certified copy to the
7 Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House of Representatives (23rd
8 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature); Honorable Edith E. DeLeon
9 Guerrero, President of the Senate (23rd Northern Marianas Commonwealth
10 Legislature); the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Governor of the Commonwealth of
11 the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Gregorio Kili Camacho Sablan,
12 CNMI Delegate to the House of Representatives (118th United States Congress);
13 Antonio L. Borja, Chairperson, CNMI State Board of Education; Dr. Lawrence F.
14 Camacho, Commissioner of Education, CNMI Public School System; and Jonathan
15 Aguon, Principal of Marianas High School.

Date: 1/09/2024

Introduced by: 
Senator Peaches Fiona Bayot