

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

**5TH REGULAR** Session, 2024

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**A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION**

Recognizing, remembering, and paying tribute to the life of the late Honorable Felicidad Leiwamal Taman Ogumoro and her more than 50 years of distinguished public service to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

- 1           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Felicidad T. Ogumoro was born on  
2           September 1, 1949 to the late Daniel R. and Estefania T. Ogumoro on the island of  
3           Saipan; and  
4           **WHEREAS**, in 1968 the late Honorable Felicidad T. Ogumoro was the  
5           President of the Student Council and graduated as Valedictorian of her class from  
6           Mount Carmel High School; and  
7           **WHEREAS**, after High School, the late Honorable Felicidad T. Ogumoro  
8           attended Saint Mary’s College in Leavenworth, Kansas and graduated with a  
9           Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology in 1973; and  
10          **WHEREAS**, while attending Saint Mary’s College, the late Honorable  
11          Felicidad T. Ogumoro was elected president of the International Club (1972-1973)  
12          and was a member of the prestigious Who’s Who Among Students in American  
13          Colleges and Universities; and  
14          **WHEREAS**, after obtaining her education and experience overseas, the late  
15          Honorable Felicidad T. Ogumoro returned home to serve as the Training and  
16          Development Specialist of the vision of Training and Development, Department of  
17          Personnel during the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI) from 1973-1977;  
18          and

1           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Felicidad T. Ogumoro was a dynamic  
2 member of the United Carolinians Association (1973-1980); President of the  
3 Saipan Women’s Association (1975-1976) and a member of the Saipan Municipal  
4 Scholarship Board (1976-1977); and

5           **WHEREAS**, in 1978, the late Honorable Felicidad T. Ogumoro became the  
6 first female of Carolinian heritage to be elected to the House of Representatives of  
7 the First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature representing Precinct 5 on  
8 the island of Saipan where she was one of only two female members in the House  
9 of Representatives; and

10           **WHEREAS**, with her intellect and ability to lead, the late Honorable  
11 Felicidad T. Ogumoro became the first woman to chair a House Standing  
12 Committee which was the Health, Education, and Welfare Committee and also  
13 served as Vice Chair for the Committee on Appropriations known today as the  
14 Committee on Ways and Means; and

15           **WHEREAS**, during her time in the Commonwealth’s legislature, the late  
16 Honorable Felicidad T. Ogumoro was a strong advocate for education, for family  
17 and children’s welfare, women’s rights, protection of our lands and natural  
18 resources, and cultural preservation; and

19           **WHEREAS**, with her continued willingness to serve the people of the  
20 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the late Honorable Felicidad T.  
21 Ogumoro was re-elected to serve her second term in the House of Representatives  
22 of the Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature in 1980; and

23           **WHEREAS**, in her second term, the late Honorable Felicidad T. Ogumoro  
24 continued to serve as chairperson of the Committee on Health, Education, and  
25 Welfare; and

26           **WHEREAS**, during her tenure, the late Honorable Felicidad T. Ogumoro  
27 was the author of Public Law 2-19 which established the Division of Youth  
28 Services, and supported Executive Order #25 which established the Northern  
29 Marianas College; and

1           **WHEREAS**, in 1982, after several terms in the House of Representatives,  
2 the late Honorable Felicidad T. Ogumoro held several positions within the private  
3 sector such as a Counselor for Catholic Social Services (1982-1984); Deputy  
4 Executive Director, Catholic Social Services (1984); Principal, Sister Remedios  
5 Early Childhood Development Program (1988-1994); and Coordinator, Parent  
6 Education Program, Division of Youth Services (2004-2009); and

7           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Felicidad T. Ogumoro continued to serve  
8 the people of the Commonwealth as an elected Delegate to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Constitutional  
9 Convention; and

10           **WHEREAS**, in 1985, the late Honorable Felicidad T. Ogumoro was  
11 recognized and awarded the recipient of the Outstanding Woman of America  
12 Award and in 2003, was the recipient of Mount Carmel's Most Distinguished  
13 Graduate Award; and

14           **WHEREAS**, in 2010, after constant urging by the residents of Precinct 3,  
15 the late Honorable Felicidad T. Ogumoro once again ran for office; and

16           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Felicidad T. Ogumoro was successful in  
17 her candidacy and once again, was elected as a member of the House of  
18 Representatives of the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> Northern Marianas Commonwealth  
19 Legislatures; and

20           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Felicidad T. Ogumoro became the first  
21 female Vice-Speaker during her term in the 17<sup>th</sup> Northern Marianas Commonwealth  
22 Legislature; and

23           **WHEREAS**, during her tenure in the House of Representatives, the late  
24 Honorable Felicidad T. Ogumoro served as Chairperson for the House Standing  
25 Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare and Vice Chairperson of the Ways  
26 and Means Committee (19<sup>th</sup>); and

27           **WHEREAS**, during her seven-years in office, the late Honorable Felicidad  
28 T. Ogumoro was a strong supporter and advocate for women, families, health,  
29 culture, and other issues in the Commonwealth; and

1           **WHEREAS**, after her term in the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the late Honorable  
2 Felicidad T. Ogumoro took a hiatus from the political arena and spent time with her  
3 family; and

4           **WHEREAS**, on January 3, 2024, the Honorable Felicidad T. Ogumoro was  
5 called by her creator into a new life leaving behind her children: Kodep, Alingmar,  
6 Lescheweisei, and Leimalyal; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Felicidad T. Ogumoro was an inspiration  
8 to many women, children, and the people of the Commonwealth because she was a  
9 perfect example of a strong, intelligent, and independent women; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the Youth of the Marianas will forever remember the  
11 admirable contributions of the late Honorable Felicidad T. Ogumoro which  
12 improved the lives of the Youth today; and

13           **WHEREAS**, the Youth Congress remembers the life and legacy of the late  
14 Honorable Felicidad T. Ogumoro; 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, remembers, and pays tribute to the life of the late Honorable  
18 Felicidad Leiwamal Taman Ogumoro and her more than 50 years of public service  
19 to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and extends  
20 its deepest and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the late Honorable  
21 Felicidad T. Ogumoro; and

22           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sponsor of this Resolution or the  
23 designee of the Speaker of the Youth Congress shall present a certified original  
24 copy of this Youth Congress Resolution to the family of the late Honorable  
25 Felicidad Taman Ogumoro; and

26           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the Youth Congress  
27 shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the  
28 adoption of this resolution and thereafter shall transmit a certified copy to the  
29 Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House of Representatives (23rd

1 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature); Honorable Edith E. DeLeon  
2 Guerrero, President of the Senate (23rd Northern Marianas Commonwealth  
3 Legislature); the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Governor of the Commonwealth of  
4 the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Gregorio Kili Camacho Sablan,  
5 CNMI Delegate to the House of Representatives (118<sup>th</sup> United States Congress).

Date: 1/09/2024

Introduced by:   
Senator Ayden Sean C. Yumul