

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

7TH REGULAR Session, 2024

Y.C. Res. No. 19- **15**

A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION

Commending Saipan International School on being named to the
Advanced Placement Program School Honor Roll with earning a
Gold Distinction.

1 **WHEREAS**, the Youth Congress intends to recognize institutions and their
2 students on continued academic success and national acknowledgement; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Roll acknowledges
4 schools whose AP programs are providing students with sufficient intellectual
5 resources; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the criteria for the recognition include College Culture,
7 College Credit, and College Optimization; and

8 **WHEREAS**, College Culture refers to 40 percent of the graduating cohort
9 taking at least 1 AP Exam during high school; and

10 **WHEREAS**, College Credit refers to 25 percent of the graduating cohort
11 scoring a 3 or higher on at least 1 AP Exam during high school; and

12 **WHEREAS**, College Optimization refers to 2 percent of the graduating
13 cohort taking 5 or more AP Exams during high school; and

14 **WHEREAS**, out of 4,750 eligible schools, Saipan International School was
15 one of 914 schools to receive a Gold level recognition in the AP School Honor Roll
16 of 2022 to 2023; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Saipan International School had 80 percent of seniors who
18 took at least one AP exam during high school, 50 percent of seniors scoring a three

1 or higher on at least one AP exam, and 15 percent of seniors who took five or more
2 AP exams; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Saipan International School’s Headmaster, Dr. Ron Synder,
4 is committed to his goal to provide and assist high school students to reach their
5 potential to have the best possible career and college preparation at school; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Saipan International School and its students bring enormous
7 pride to the Marianas and its people; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Youth Congress encourages students to strive for more
9 academic success and schools in the Marianas to continue providing nourishing and
10 sufficient education for their students;

11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Nineteenth
12 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress, that the Youth
13 Congress recognizes and commemorates Saipan International School on being
14 named to the Advanced Placement Program School Honor Roll with earning a Gold
15 Distinction; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sponsor of this Resolution or the
17 designee of the Speaker of the Youth Congress shall present a certified original
18 copy of this Youth Congress Resolution to Saipan International School; and

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

Date: 3/13/2024

Introduced by: *fae*
Senator Soledad Maria T. Sablan