

A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 To recognize the Grand Opening of the Commonwealth's first public
2 broadcast service, KRNM, Public Radio for the Northern Marianas, and to
3 perpetually designate March hereafter as Friends of Public Radio Month
4 in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.
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6 WHEREAS, Public Radio offers a variety of unique and educational programs
7 offering high quality news, information and entertainment presented in a non-commercial
8 environment; and

9 WHEREAS, it is a "window to the world" and a vehicle for local programming,
10 and designed to enrich the artistic and cultural life in its community by pioneering new
11 concepts and techniques to serve minority as well as majority needs and interests that
12 commercial radio stations can not provide; and

13 WHEREAS, Northern Marianas College has endeavored to establish KRNM-FM
14 88.1, Public Radio for the Northern Marianas, to provide benefits for all the people of the
15 CNMI for many decades to come, additional benefits are attained when KRNM sends
16 local programs of culture, performing arts and lifestyles to the National Public Radio
17 Distribution center in Washington D.C. for broadcast to the entire United States; and

18 WHEREAS, this aspect has the ability to generate an accurate and positive profile
19 for the CNMI, possibly creating interest in and understanding of our island; and

20 WHEREAS, a public radio station located at the Northern Marianas College,
21 provides a unique learning experience for students interested in radio broadcasting,
22 through internships, and practical experience while working side-by-side with broadcast
23 professionals, establishing KRNM as an outreach vehicle for the College, thereby giving
24 publicity to many projects and programs being conducted there; and

25 WHEREAS, a public radio station cannot survive without those individuals and
26 businesses in the community who support the work of the station through memberships,
27 donations and gifts; now, therefore

1 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eleventh CNMI Legislature does hereby on behalf of
2 the people of the CNMI recognize all of those individuals and businesses who have
3 chosen to support the work of the Commonwealth's First Public Radio Station, KRNM
4 88.1 FM through the purchase of memberships, donations, and gifts, and do declare in
5 perpetuity March hereafter as FRIENDS OF PUBLIC RADIO MONTH; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Speaker of the House of Representative,
7 the President of the Senate certify and the House Clerk and the Senate legislative
8 Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this joint resolution and thereafter transmit
9 certified copies to the Governor, and to Chairman of the Board of Regents and the
10 President of Northern Marianas College.

Date: _____

Introduced By: _____

Rep. Karl T. Reyes