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THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
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September 13, 1983

The Honorable Benjamin T. Manglona
Acting President of the Senate
Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth
Legislature
Saipan, CM 96950

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to transmit herewith H.J.Res. No. 44,
"A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
TO SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH THE QUESTION
"SHALL THERE BE A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO PROPOSE
AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION?" IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE
18, SECTION 2(a) OF THE COMMONWEALTH CONSTITUTION.", which
the House of Representatives this day unanimously adopted,
a quorum being present, Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth
Legislature, Fourth Regular Session, 1983.

Hafa Adai,

Herbert S. Del Rosario
Chief Clerk

attachments

A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Directing the Board of Elections to submit to the voters of the Commonwealth the question "Shall there be a Constitutional Convention to propose amendments to the Constitution?" in accordance with Article 18, Section 2(a) of the Commonwealth Constitution.

1 WHEREAS, Article 18, Section 2 of the Commonwealth Constitution provides
2 that the Legislature may submit to the voters the question "Shall there be a
3 Constitutional Convention to propose amendments to the Constitution?"; and

4 WHEREAS, this question is required to be submitted at a regular general
5 election no later than 7 years after the effective date of the Constitution; and

6 WHEREAS, the 1983 general election is the last general election before
7 January 9, 1985; and

8 WHEREAS, an act of the Legislature providing for such a question may not be
9 vetoed by the Governor and shall be adopted by an affirmative vote of a majority
10 of the members; and

11 WHEREAS, the members of the Legislature believe the voters should have the
12 right to express on whether or not they desire a Constitutional Convention; and

13 WHEREAS, a Convention would be convened promptly by the Legislature if 2/3
14 of the votes cast are in favor of holding a convention; and

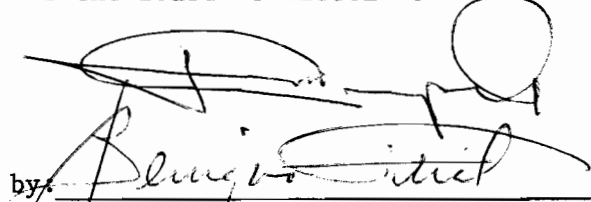
15 WHEREAS, the 23 delegates to the Convention would be elected on a nonpartisan
16 basis and would serve and be compensated as provided by the Legislature; now
17 therefore,

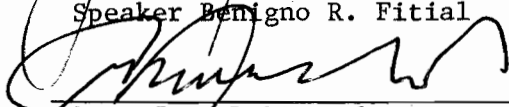
18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, Third Northern Marianas
19 Commonwealth Legislature, Fourth Regular Session, 1983, the Senate concurring,
20 that the Board of Elections is directed to submit to the voters of the Common-
21 wealth at the general election in November 1983 the question "Shall there be

1 a Constitutional Convention to propose amendments to the Constitution?"; and
2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be signed by
3 the Speaker and President and attested to by the House Clerk and Senate Legislative
4 Secretary and transmitted to the Chairman of the Board of Elections and the
5 Governor of the Commonwealth.


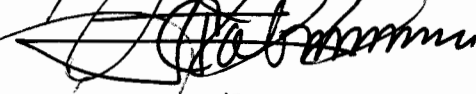

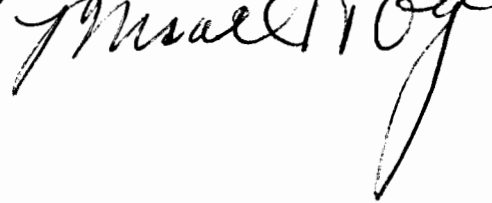
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7 Date: 9-13-83

Introduced by:


Speaker Benigno R. Fitial


Rep. Juan B. Camacho

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House of Representatives
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DATE: September 9, 1983

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MEMORANDUM

TO : Speaker
FROM : House Chief Legal Counsel
SUBJECT : Constitutional Convention

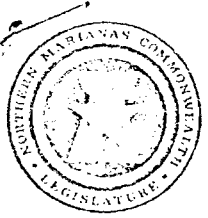
Article 18, Section 2 of the Commonwealth Constitution provides that the voters of the Commonwealth shall vote on the question "Shall there be a Constitutional Convention to propose amendments to the Constitution?" at a regular general election no later than January 9, 1985 (or 7 years after the January 9, 1978 effective date of the Constitution.) Accordingly, I recommend tht the Legislature adopt the attached House Joint Resolution as soon as possible.


Joel J. Bergsma

Attachment:

xc: Joel J. Bergsma





The Senate
NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

P. O. Box 129
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October 4, 1983

The Honorable Benigno R. Fitial
Speaker
House of Representatives
Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth
Legislature
Saipan, CM 96950

SENATE COMM. NO. 309

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to return to you and the members of the House of Representatives House Joint Resolution No. 44 entitled, "A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH THE QUESTION "SHALL THERE BE A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION?" IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 18 SECTION 2 (a) OF THE COMMONWEALTH CONSTITUTION.", which the Senate adopted by unanimous vote, a quorum being present, Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, Four Regular Session, 1983.

Hafa Adai,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Manuel D. Muna".

Manuel D. Muna
Senate Clerk

Attachment:
cc: President of the Senate

Adopted - 10-4-83

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2 that the Legislature may submit to the voters the question "Shall there be a
3 Constitutional Convention to propose amendments to the Constitution?"; and

4 WHEREAS, this question is required to be submitted at a regular general
5 election no later than 7 years after the effective date of the Constitution; and

6 WHEREAS, the 1983 general election is the last general election before
7 January 9, 1985; and

8 WHEREAS, an act of the Legislature providing for such a question may not be
9 vetoed by the Governor and shall be adopted by an affirmative vote of a majority
10 of the members; and

11 WHEREAS, the members of the Legislature believe the voters should have the
12 right to express on whether or not they desire a Constitutional Convention; and

13 WHEREAS, a Convention would be convened promptly by the Legislature if 2/3
14 of the votes cast are in favor of holding a convention; and

15 WHEREAS, the 2⁴/₄ delegates to the Convention would be elected on a nonpartisan
16 basis and would serve and be compensated as provided by the Legislature; now
17 therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, Third Northern Marianas
19 Commonwealth Legislature, Fourth Regular Session, 1983, the Senate concurring,
20 that the Board of Elections is directed to submit to the voters of the Common-
21 wealth at the general election in November 1983 the question "Shall there be

1 a Constitutional Convention to propose amendments to the Constitution?"; and
2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be signed by
3 the Speaker and President and attested to by the House Clerk and Senate Legislative
4 Secretary and transmitted to the Chairman of the Board of Elections and the
5 Governor of the Commonwealth.

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7 Date: 9-13-83

8 Introduced by [Signature]

9 Speaker Benigno R. Pitial

10 Adopted by the House of Representatives [Signature] Rep. Juan B. Camacho
11 on September 13, 1983.

12 Attest:

13 [Signature]
14 Herbert S. Del Rosario
15 Chief Clerk

16 Adopted by unanimous vote
17 October 4, 1983.
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RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
HOUSE CLERK:

H. J. Res. No. 42

H. J. Res. No. 43

H. J. Res. No. 44

Receive by: [Signature]

Time: 4:05 pm

Date: 9/13/83



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Governor

Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Cable Address:
Gov. NMJ Saipan

October 14, 1983

The Honorable Benigno R. Fitial
Speaker, House of Representatives
Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth
Legislature
Saipan, CM 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker:

This will acknowledge receipt of House Joint Resolution No. 44, "Directing the Board of Elections to submit to the voters of the Commonwealth the question 'Shall there be a Constitutional Convention to propose amendments to the Constitution?' in accordance with Article 18, Section 2(a) of the Commonwealth Constitution.", which was adopted by the House of Representatives, Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, and transmitted to the Governor's Office on October 14, 1983.

Sincerely,

Gloria W. Hunter

GLORIA W. HUNTER
Special Assistant for Programs
and Legislative Review

cc: President Olympio T. Borja, Senate

13 OCT 1983

The Honorable Oympio T. Borja
President of the Senate
Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth
Legislature
Saipan, CM 96950

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of House Joint Resolution No. 44, "A House Joint Resolution directing the Board of Elections to submit to the voters of the Commonwealth the question "Shall there be a Constitutional Convention to propose amendments to the Constitution?" in accordance with Article 18, Section 2(a) of the Commonwealth Constitution.", adopted by the Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, Fourth Regular Session, 1983.

Hafa Adai,

Herbert S. Del Rosario
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

Enclosure

13 OCT 1983

Mr. Juan Diaz
Chairman
Board of Election
Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands
Saipan, CM 96950

Dear Mr. Diaz:

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Hafa Adai,

Herbert S. Del Rosario
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

Enclosure

13 OCT 1983

The Honorable Pedro P. Tenorio
Governor
Office of the Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands
Saipan, CM 96950

Dear Governor Tenorio:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of House Joint Resolution No. 44, "A House Joint Resolution directing the Board of Elections to submit to the voters of the Commonwealth the question "Shall there be a Constitutional Convention to propose amendments to the Constitution?" in accordance with Article 18, Section 2(a) of the Commonwealth Constitution.", adopted by the Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, Fourth Regular Session, 1983.

Hafa Adai,

Herbert S. Del Rosario
Chief Clerk
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FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 1983

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2 provides that the Legislature may submit to the voters the question
3 "Shall there be a Constitutional Convention to propose amendments to
4 the Constitution?"; and

5 WHEREAS, this question is required to be submitted at a regular
6 general election no later than 7 years after the effective date of the
7 Constitution; and

8 WHEREAS, the 1983 general election is the last general election
9 before January 9, 1985; and

10 WHEREAS, an act of the Legislature providing for such a question
11 may not be vetoed by the Governor and shall be adopted by an affirmative
12 vote of a majority of the members; and

13 WHEREAS, the members of the Legislature believe the voters should
14 have the right to express on whether or not they desire a Constitutional
15 Convention; and

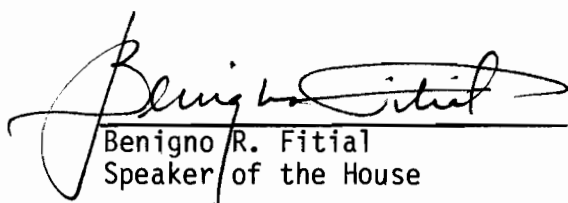
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17 if 2/3 of the votes cast are in favor of holding a convention; and

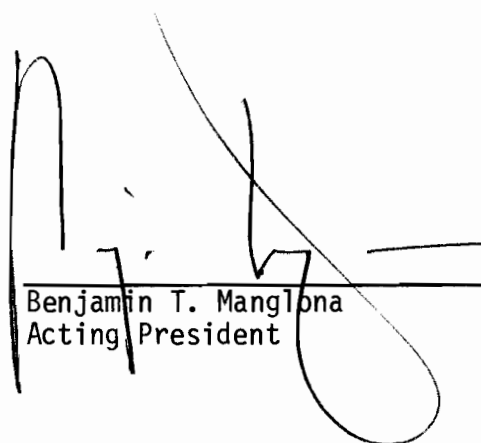
18 WHEREAS, the 24 delegates to the Convention would be elected on a
19 nonpartisan basis and would serve and be compensated as provided by the
20 Legislature; now, therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, Third Northern
2 Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, Fourth Regular Session, 1983, the
3 Senate concurring, that the Board of Elections is directed to submit
4 to the voters of the Commonwealth at the general election in November
5 1983 the question "Shall there be a Constitutional Convention to
6 propose amendments to the Constitution?"; and

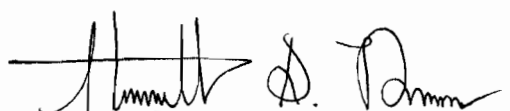
7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be
8 signed by the Speaker and President and attested to by the House Clerk
9 and Senate Legislative Secretary and transmitted to the Chairman of the
10 Board of Elections and the Governor of the Commonwealth.

Adopted: October 4, 1983


Benigno R. Fitial
Speaker of the House


Benjamin T. Manglona
Acting President

ATTEST:


Herbert S. Del Rosario
Chief Clerk


Igancio K. Quichocho
Senate Legislative Secretary