

A SENATE RESOLUTION

To honor the life of Honorable Pedro Rogolifoi Deleon Guerrero and his immeasurable contributions and enduring dedication to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and its people.

1 **WHEREAS**, it is a custom of this Legislative body to honor citizens of the
2 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands who dedicate exceptional acts of service
3 that benefit both the private and government sectors as well as the Commonwealth
4 community entirely; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Pedro Rogolifoi Deleon Guerrero, lovingly known as “Paduna” was
6 born on November 3, 1943 on the beautiful island of Saipan to his parents †Guadalupe
7 Teregeyo Rogolifoi and †Juan Deleon Guerrero who raised and nurtured him to be a person
8 loved and honored by many; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Pedro Rogolifoi Deleon Guerrero shared a life of love and fond
10 memories with his wife Rowena Relado Deleon Guerrero, and children Peter, Arlene, †
11 Glenn, John Anthony, Rainier Pedro, and Lawrence; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Pedro Rogolifoi Deleon Guerrero obtained his early education in
13 Saipan where he attended the Chalan Kanoa Elementary School and Saipan Intermediate
14 School. He subsequently attended and graduated from Tumon, Jr. Sr. High School in
15 Guam in 1961; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Pedro Rogolifoi Deleon Guerrero received professional training in
17 various industries throughout his career which enhanced his skills and knowledge. In 1966,
18 he was trained in photography at the East West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was trained
19 in photo journalism with the Honolulu Star Bulletin and the Honolulu Advertiser. From
20 1968-1969, he received training in Shipping, Terminal, & Stevedore Operations &
21 Management at the Marine Chartering Corporation, San Francisco, CA and California &

1 Sierra Harbor Terminal, Long Beach, CA; Economics of Transportation at the Golden Gate
2 College, San Francisco, CA; and Managerial Business Accounting at the University of San
3 Francisco, San Francisco, CA. These shipping trainings were required by the Department
4 of Interior/Trust Territory Government in the awarding of the shipping services in
5 Micronesia to Micronesia Interocean Line (MIL). In 1971, he attended the Dale Carnegie
6 Management Seminar in Saipan. In 1978, he attended the Zero Base Budget, CNMI
7 Government in Saipan. From 2009-2015, as Trustee of the Marianas Public Land Trust
8 (MPLT), he received professional training on Prudent Investment, Fiduciary Care &
9 Responsibilities, Portfolios/Asset Allocation, Investment Policy & Strategies, Investment
10 Fraud, and Selecting and Terminating Investment Consultant from the Wharton School,
11 San Francisco, Investment Institute, International Foundation, U.S.; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Pedro R. Deleon Guerrero successfully navigated through numerous
13 professions during his lifetime utilizing his advanced training and innovative skills. In
14 1963, he served as a Police Officer for the Trust Territory, Marianas District, Saipan.
15 From 1964-1967, he was employed as a Photographer at the Office of the High
16 Commissioner (Public Information), T.T., Capitol Hill, Saipan. In 1967, he was a Night
17 Auditor at the Royal Taga Hotel, Susupe, Saipan. In 1967-1968, he served as a Manager at
18 the Saipan Hotel (the only Hotel that accommodate Japanese Tourists and visitors outside
19 of Micronesia). From 1967-1971 he was the Assistant Manager at the Micronesia
20 Interocean Line, Inc. (MILI), Guam. From 1971-1973, he was employed as the Assistant
21 Manager, Operations, Sales & Marketing - Transpacific Line (TPL) - Saipan, Guam &
22 Micronesia. (TPL was MILI – the only carrier serving the Micronesia/Guam from U.S.
23 West Coast, Hawaii, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Philippines and other ports). From 1974-1977,
24 he served as the Manager of the Guerrero Brothers, Inc. - General Contractor – Saipan.
25 From 1982-1984, he was employed as the Manager of the South Pacific Airways,
26 Saipan/Tinian. From 1994 – 2003, he was the Vice President/General Manager of the
27 Guerrero Brothers, Inc. (General Contractor - Saipan/Tinian). From 2004-2008, served as
28 a Consultant to the Mayor of the Northern Islands, Valentino Taisacan. From 2009-2016,

1 he also served as a Consultant to former Representative † Felicidad T. Ogumoro, House of
2 Representatives, Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Pedro R. Deleon Guerrero played an important role in steering and
4 shaping the CNMI government where as he served in influential public offices &
5 capacities. In 1968, he served as a Commissioner in the Chalan Kanoa District 4,
6 Municipality of Saipan. From 1971-1977, he was elected as a Councilman to the Saipan
7 Municipal Council, Saipan. In 1977, the people elected him as Senator to the Fifth
8 Marianas District Legislature where he served as Chairman of the Economic Committee.
9 From 1978- 1982, he served as the Executive Assistant for Carolinian Affairs where he
10 established the Marianas Fisheries, Inc, employing Carolinian fishermen. From 1984-1994,
11 he once again was elected to serve as a Representative (Precinct 3) to the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th,
12 and 8th House of Representatives, Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
13 (NCML). He served as Chairman of the House Resource and Development Committee in
14 the 4TH NMCL; Presided over the House JGO Committee's legislative oversight
15 investigation on Mr. Millard's (Founder of Computer Land) position on corruption in the
16 5th NMCL; Served as Speaker of the House of the 6th and 7th NMCL and as Chairman of
17 the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation in the 8th NMCL; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Pedro R. Deleon Guerrero was instrumental in the advancement and
19 development of the CNMI by serving on boards, task forces, and commissions. In 1977 &
20 1984-1994, he served as a Member of the Association of the Pacific Islands Legislatures
21 (5th Marianas District Legislature and 4th to 8th NCML). In 1980, he was the Vice
22 Chairman of the Fisheries & Coastal Resources, Pacific Islands Leaders' Conference in
23 Hawaii (appointed by the Honorable Undersecretary of Commerce. Luther Hughes). From
24 1980-1982, he served as a Board of Director of the Marianas Ports Authority (appointed
25 by Governor Carlos S. Camacho). From 1986-1988, he was the Chairman of the United
26 Nation Termination Task Force (appointed by Governor Pedro P. Tenorio). From 1984-
27 1994, he appeared and testified before the U.S. House and Senate Subcommittees on
28 Interior and Insular Affairs, and Natural Resources on budgets. From 1987-1988 – he
29 appeared and testified before the United Nation Trusteeship Council as a member and

1 Chairman of the United Nation Task Force and as a private petitioner on other matters.
2 From 1988-1992, he served as a Member of the Covenant 902 Talks (appointed by
3 Governor Pedro P. Tenorio & Governor Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero). From 1988-1992, he
4 also served as a Member of the Covenant 702 Negotiation for the 7-year grant assistance
5 (appointed by Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Governor Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero). In
6 1994, he was a Member of the Executive Committee of the Western Legislative Council,
7 Alaska Conference. In 2001, he was a Member of the CNMI Free Trade Zone (appointed
8 by Governor Juan N. Babauta). From 2009-2021, he served as a Trustee of the Marianas
9 Public Land Trust (appointed by Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Acting Governor Eloy S.
10 Inos) where he served as Treasurer, Chairman, Vice Chair, and Acting Chair during his
11 tenure; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Pedro R. Deleon Guerrero was one of the pioneers of the political
13 formation of our Commonwealth who fearlessly championed the best interests of the
14 people before the U.S. Congress and the Covenant 902 and 702 negotiations. He also
15 dedicated his life to expanding and advancing the shipping, airline and construction
16 industries in the CNMI. As an elected leader, he was diligently engaged in legislation and
17 public policy that supported his ultimate goal of making government work for its people.
18 He was also a steadfast advocate and one of the leading Carolinian sons of the Marianas;

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate of the Twenty-Third
20 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature hereby joins the people of the
21 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in honoring the life of Honorable Pedro
22 Rogolifoi Deleon Guerrero and his immeasurable contributions and enduring dedication to
23 the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and its people; and

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of the Senate shall certify and
25 the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this Resolution, and
26 thereafter the Senate Clerk shall transmit certified copies to the bereaved family of Pedro
27 Rogolifoi Deleon Guerrero; the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Governor of the CNMI; the
28 Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House of Representatives; and the

- 1 Honorable Gregorio "Kilili" C. Sablan, CNMI Delegate to the House of Representatives
- 2 Washington, 117th United States Congress.

Date: 04/05/24

Introduced By: /s/
Sen. Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero

/s/
Sen. Donald M. Manglona

/s/
Sen. Corina L. Magofna

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Sen. Celina R. Babauta

/s/
Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz

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Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider

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Sen. Paul A. Manglona

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Sen. Dennis C. Mendiola

/s/
Sen. Karl King-Nabors