

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

4TH REGULAR Session, 2025

Y.C. Res. No. 20- **02**

A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION

Formally requesting Governor David M. Apatang and Northern Marianas College President, Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero along with the Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research, Extension, and Education Services (NMC-CREES) to include the Youth Congress in the CNMI Green Growth Initiative as a Public Private Partner.

1 **WHEREAS**, in 2015, the United Nations (UN) adopted the 2030 Agenda
2 for Sustainable Development and 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to
3 mobilize global efforts to end poverty, improve health and education, protect
4 ecosystems, tackle the climate crisis, and create an equitable, peaceful, resilient,
5 and prosperous future; and

6 **WHEREAS**, like other small island communities, the Commonwealth of
7 the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) is acutely vulnerable to the impacts of the
8 climate crisis which compound and magnify local environmental stressors and
9 development challenges; and; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the CNMI has embraced these global Sustainable
11 Development Goals and applied them in a local context through the Comprehensive
12 Sustainable Development Plan 2021 - 2030, a living document developed by the

1 Office of Planning and Development in collaboration with public and private sector
2 partners that sets forth the vision, values, goals, and objectives to guide sustainable,
3 regenerative development in the CNMI; and

4 **WHEREAS**, backed by federal and local resources, ongoing efforts in the
5 CNMI to build a thriving economy, protect marine and terrestrial ecosystems,
6 preserve cultural heritage, reduce climate pollution, transition to clean energy,
7 address historic inequities, improve public health and food systems, develop
8 resilient infrastructure, and implement nature-based solutions, together help to
9 advance the CNMI's Sustainable Development Goals; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the principles of sustainability and regeneration are reflected
11 in the rich cultural heritage of the CNMI, and rooted in traditional, indigenous
12 values such as *inafa'maolek* and *tipiyeew*; and; and

13 **WHEREAS**, co-chaired by the Governor of the Commonwealth of the
14 Northern Marianas Islands, along with the President of Northern Marianas College,
15 the CNMI-GGI has spearheaded many community-wide projects and hosted events
16 for the greater-good for the people, environment, and health of our Commonwealth;
17 and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Youth Congress has worked with the Green Growth
19 Initiative and desires to be a partner to not only benefit our Commonwealth but to
20 promote youth engagement and spearhead student-led initiatives; and

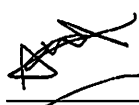
21 **WHEREAS**, the Youth Congress shares the same goals with the Green
22 Growth Initiative; and

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Twentieth
2 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress, that the Youth
3 Congress desires to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals as a part of the
4 Green Growth Initiative and spearhead student-led initiatives; and

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Youth Congress requests
6 Governor David M. Apatang and Northern Marianas College President Dr. Galvin
7 Deleon Guerrero to include the Youth Congress as an official partner in the Green
8 Growth Initiative; and

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the Youth Congress
10 shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the
11 adoption of this resolution and thereafter shall transmit a certified copy to the
12 Honorable David M. Apatang, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern
13 Mariana Islands; Dr. Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero, (President, Northern Marianas
14 College); the Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House of
15 Representatives (24th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature); Honorable
16 Karl King-Nabors, President of the Senate (24th Northern Marianas
17 Commonwealth Legislature); the Honorable Kimberlyn King-Hinds, CNMI
18 Delegate to the House of Representatives (119th United States Congress); and the
19 Honorable Aschumar Kodep O. Uludong (Chairman, 19th CNMI State Board of
20 Education).

Date: 11/8/2025

Introduced by: 

Senator Ayden Sean C. Yumul