

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

1st SPECIAL Session, 20**26** Y.C. Res. No. 20- **07**

A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION

To recognize and honor the relief workers and organizations whose dedicated service aided the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in its response to and recovery from Super Typhoon Sinlaku and Super Typhoon Bavi.

1 **WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has long
2 demonstrated remarkable resilience in the face of adversity, drawing strength from
3 the unity, compassion, and unwavering spirit of its people during times of hardship;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, Super Typhoon Sinlaku and Super Typhoon Bavi brought
6 unprecedented destruction to the Commonwealth, causing widespread damage to
7 homes, schools, healthcare facilities, government buildings, businesses, public
8 infrastructure, utilities, transportation systems, agricultural lands, and natural
9 resources, while disrupting the daily lives of thousands of residents throughout the
10 islands; and

11 **WHEREAS**, these disasters tested the resolve of the people of the
12 Commonwealth; yet the courage, determination, and unity displayed by families,

1 neighborhoods, businesses, community organizations, and public servants became
2 a powerful testament to the enduring strength of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

3 **WHEREAS**, many employees of the Office of the Governor, CNMI
4 Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Department of Fire and
5 Emergency Medical Services, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public
6 Works, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Commonwealth Healthcare
7 Corporation, Commonwealth Ports Authority, the Public School System, and other
8 government agencies worked long hours to keep our communities safe and restore
9 essential services; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Youth Congress also recognizes the important support
11 provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Army
12 Corps of Engineers, the United States Coast Guard, the United States Navy, the
13 United States Air Force, the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps,
14 and the Guam National Guard, whose personnel assisted with emergency response,
15 transportation, engineering, logistics, and recovery efforts; and

16 **WHEREAS**, organizations such as the American Red Cross, The Salvation
17 Army, World Central Kitchen, Samaritan's Purse, other nonprofit organizations,
18 civic groups, businesses, and many generous donors provided food, water, shelter,
19 supplies, emotional support, and hope to families across our islands; and

20 **WHEREAS**, healthcare workers, teachers, utility crews, contractors,
21 community organizations, and countless volunteers from around the region and

1 country – gave their time and energy to help neighbors clear debris, reopen schools,
2 restore power and water, and rebuild our communities; and

3 **WHEREAS**, many of these dedicated individuals willingly sacrificed time
4 with their own families, left the comfort of their homes, and placed themselves in
5 challenging environments so that the people of the Commonwealth could begin
6 rebuilding their lives with dignity, hope, and security; and

7 **WHEREAS**, their collective acts of compassion, courage, professionalism,
8 generosity, and selfless service exemplified the highest ideals of humanitarianism,
9 public service, and community partnership, demonstrating that in moments of great
10 need – the bonds of humanity transcend geography, culture, and circumstance; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the extraordinary collaboration among Commonwealth
12 agencies, federal partners, military personnel, healthcare providers, nonprofit
13 organizations, businesses, volunteers, and citizens restored hope to thousands of
14 families and accelerated the recovery of communities throughout the Northern
15 Mariana Islands; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the kindness, generosity, and unwavering commitment
17 demonstrated by relief workers and volunteers from both within and outside the
18 Commonwealth will forever remain etched in the hearts of the people of the
19 Northern Mariana Islands as enduring examples of compassion, solidarity, and
20 service to others; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Twentieth Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
22 Islands Youth Congress believes it is both fitting and proper to formally recognize

1 these extraordinary individuals and organizations whose dedication helped save
2 lives, rebuild communities, and restore hope during one of the most challenging
3 periods in the Commonwealth's history; and

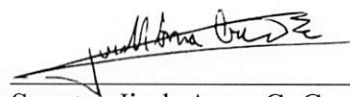
4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Twentieth
5 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress, that the Youth
6 Congress expresses its heartfelt appreciation to every first responder, relief worker,
7 volunteer, public servant, healthcare worker, educator, military service member,
8 nonprofit organization, faith-based organization, business, and community member
9 who helped the people of the Commonwealth recover from Super Typhoons
10 Sinlaku and Bavi; and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Youth Congress honors the
12 courage and dedication of everyone who responded to these disasters, often putting
13 the needs of others before their own; and

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Youth Congress encourages all
15 people of the Commonwealth, especially our young people, to continue serving
16 their communities and to work together to build a stronger and more resilient
17 Northern Mariana Islands; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the Youth Congress
19 shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the
20 adoption of this resolution, and thereafter shall transmit a certified copy to the
21 Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House of Representatives (24th
22 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature); the Honorable Karl R. King-

1 Nabors, President of the Senate (24th Northern Marianas Commonwealth
2 Legislature); the Honorable David M. Apatang, Governor of the Commonwealth of
3 the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Kimberlyn King-Hinds, CNMI
4 Delegate to the House of Representatives (119th United States Congress); the
5 Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam; the Honorable Ramon
6 B. Camacho, Mayor of Saipan; the Honorable Edwin P. Aldan, Mayor of Tinian &
7 Aguiguan; and the Honorable Aubry M. Hocog, Mayor of Rota.

Date: **08/05/2020** Introduced by: 
Senator Jireh Anna C. Cruz