

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

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**A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION**

Honoring the life and legacy of the late Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo for her distinguished service, historic contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and her instrumental role in establishing the CNMI Youth Congress.

1           **WHEREAS**, the members of the CNMI Youth Congress, representing the  
2           future leaders of the Commonwealth, find it fitting and proper to honor the pioneers  
3           who have dedicated their lives to the betterment of our islands and the  
4           empowerment of our people, especially the youth; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the members of the Twentieth CNMI Youth Congress are  
6           saddened by the passing of the late Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo, a figure  
7           who was instrumental in the establishment of the CNMI Youth Congress as an  
8           entity; and

9           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo was born on  
10          February 9, 1948, to the late Tun Benigno Olupomar Sablan and Tan Consolacion  
11          Hocog Atalig Sablan, and was a beloved wife of the late Joaquin Teregeyo and a

1 devoted mother to their six children: †Irene, Geraldine, Donald, Dennis, Catherine,  
2 and Derek; and

3       **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo attended  
4 Marianas High School and later pursued higher education at the University of  
5 Nebraska in Lincoln, laying the foundation for a career marked by intellectual rigor  
6 and dedicated public service; and

7       **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo began her  
8 long and illustrious government career early, serving in the Trust Territory  
9 Government in key roles, including Management Intern for the Personnel  
10 Department and Program Administrator for the Comprehensive Employment and  
11 Training Act (CETA); and

12       **WHEREAS**, in 1980, she was appointed the first Executive Director of the  
13 Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture, serving until 1991, and was  
14 instrumental in establishing the inaugural Flame Tree Arts Festival in 1981, a  
15 cultural cornerstone that continues to flourish today; and

16       **WHEREAS**, in 1991, the late Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo was  
17 elected to the House of Representatives, where she served with distinction in the  
18 Eighth through the Eleventh Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislatures; and

19       **WHEREAS**, during her tenure in the House of Representatives, the late  
20 Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo held numerous leadership positions,  
21 including Floor Leader and Chairperson of the Committee on Health, Education

1 and Welfare; the Ways and Means Committee; and the Special Committee on  
2 Official Conduct and Ethics; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo's influence  
4 extended regionally as an active member of the Association of the Pacific Island  
5 Legislatures (APIL), where she served as Chairperson of the Subcommittee on  
6 Pacific Arts and Culture and held the executive offices of Treasurer and Secretary;  
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, most significantly for the youth of our Commonwealth, the  
9 Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo was the driving force behind Public Law  
10 11-180, which enabled the establishment of the CNMI Youth Congress, and  
11 provided the leadership and tenacity necessary to launch the first Youth Congress  
12 in 1998; and

13 **WHEREAS**, following her legislative service, the late Honorable Ana  
14 Atalig Sablan Teregeyo continued to serve the public as Special Assistant for  
15 Women's Affairs in the Office of the Governor and as District Office Administrator  
16 for the Resident Representative to the United States; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo's lifelong  
18 dedication to advancing women's leadership, preserving cultural heritage, and  
19 promoting youth civic engagement has left an indelible mark on the  
20 Commonwealth, earning her numerous accolades, including being named "Most

1 Admired Woman of the Decade" and receiving the Governor's Award for "Most  
2 Supportive Legislator of the Year"; and

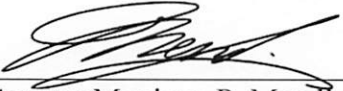
3 **WHEREAS**, the passing of the Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo on  
4 February 27, 2026, represents a profound loss to the Commonwealth, yet her legacy  
5 as a mentor and role model continues to inspire current and future members of the  
6 Youth Congress to pursue lives of service, guided by her motto: "A public office is  
7 a public trust.";

8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Twentieth CNMI  
9 Youth Congress that the Youth Congress hereby joins the people of the  
10 Commonwealth in honoring and celebrating the extraordinary life, service, and  
11 legacy of the late Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo; and

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sponsor of this Resolution or the  
13 designee of the Speaker of the Youth Congress shall present a certified original  
14 copy of this Youth Congress Resolution to the family of the late Honorable Ana  
15 Atalig Sablan Teregeyo; and

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

1 Mariana Islands; and the Honorable Kimberlyn King-Hinds, CNMI Delegate to the  
2 House of Representatives (119th United States Congress).

Date: 08/05/2024 Introduced by:   
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