

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

9TH REGULAR Session, 20 **26** Y.C. Res. No. 20- **09**

A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION

Honoring July 4, 2026, as the 80th Anniversary of
Liberation Day in the Northern Mariana Islands and
recognizing the strength, sacrifices, and resilience of
the Chamorro and Carolinian people during and after
World War II.

1 **WHEREAS**, the battles for Saipan and Tinian in 1944 brought an end to
2 Japanese military occupation, but also caused great loss of life, destruction,
3 displacement, and suffering among our people; and

4 **WHEREAS**, following the battles, many Chamorro and Carolinian
5 civilians were placed in internment camps, including Camps Susupe and Chalan
6 Kanoa in Saipan, and Camp Chulu in Tinian, where families were separated from
7 their homes and their freedom of movement was restricted; and

8 **WHEREAS**, although World War II officially ended with Japan's surrender
9 on September 2, 1945, many Indigenous civilians remained in the camps for months
10 afterward; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on July 4, 1946, the civilian camps were finally closed,
2 allowing Chamorro and Carolinian civilians to leave the camps and return to their
3 communities; and

4 **WHEREAS**, this day became known as Liberation Day, giving July 4 a
5 special meaning in the Northern Mariana Islands—not only as a day of American
6 independence, but also as a day marking the freedom of our people after years of
7 war and confinement; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the 80th Anniversary of Liberation Day gives us an
9 opportunity to remember the people who suffered and died during the war, honor
10 the survivors who rebuilt their lives, and recognize the elders and families who kept
11 their stories alive; and

12 **WHEREAS**, as young people of the Commonwealth, we have a
13 responsibility to learn our history, listen to the stories of our elders, and make sure
14 that future generations never forget what our people experienced; and

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Twentieth
16 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress, that the Youth
17 Congress commemorate the 80th Anniversary of Liberation Day in the Northern
18 Mariana Islands; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Youth Congress honors the
20 Chamorro and Carolinian civilians who lost their lives during World War II and its
21 aftermath, and recognizes the courage and resilience of those who survive; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Youth Congress encourages the
2 youth of the Commonwealth to learn, preserve, and share the stories of our families,
3 elders, and communities so that the history of Liberation Day will never be
4 forgotten; and

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the Youth Congress
6 shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the
7 adoption of this resolution and thereafter shall transmit a certified copy to the
8 Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House of Representatives (24th
9 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature); Honorable Karl R. King-Nabors,
10 President of the Senate (24th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature); the
11 Honorable David M. Apatang, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern
12 Mariana Islands; and the Honorable Kimberlyn King-Hinds, CNMI Delegate to the
13 House of Representatives (119th United States Congress); the Honorable Valentino
14 N. Taisacan Jr., Mayor of the Northern Islands; the Honorable Ramon B. Camacho,
15 Mayor of Saipan; the Honorable Edwin P. Aldan, Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan;
16 and the Honorable Aubry M. Hocog, Mayor of Rota.

Date: _____

Introduced by:  _____
Senator Ayden Sean C. Yumul