TWENTIETH COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS YOUTH CONGRESS

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A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION

Honoring and commending Mr. David Mangarero Sablan for his achievements, years of dedicated service, and contributions to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands.

WHEREAS, the Youth Congress recognizes and honors individuals whose dedication, service, and accomplishments have positively shaped the lives of the people and communities of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Mr. David Mangarero Sablan, fondly known as "Uncle Dave," has dedicated much of his life to the development and advancement of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands through his business career, community service, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Mr. David Mangarero Sablan began his business career with Atkins Kroll in Guam in 1952 as a Steamship Traffic Clerk and later served as Sales Manager of the General Motors Distributorship; and

WHEREAS, Mr. David Mangarero Sablan returned to Atkins Kroll in 1965 and played an influential role in establishing the Saipan Branch Office, where he

served as its first General Manager, later becoming President in 1974 and Chairman of the Board in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Mr. David Mangarero Sablan played an important role in establishing Toyota distributorships throughout Saipan, Guam, Palau, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and the Marshall Islands, contributing to economic development throughout Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. David Mangarero Sablan contributed greatly to the development of the CNMI tourism industry, by establishing and serving as President of Pacific Micronesia Corporation, which developed Saipan's first 200-room hotel, the Saipan Beach Inter-Continental Hotel, which began operations in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Mr. David Mangarero Sablan continued his service to the Commonwealth through government and private-sector positions, including serving as Special Assistant to Governor Lorenzo Guerrero for Planning and Budgeting and later serving with Tan Holdings Corporation for twenty-four (24) years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. David Mangarero Sablan has demonstrated exceptional community leadership through his service on numerous boards, councils, and task forces, including the Marianas Visitors Authority, Governor's Economic Advisory Council, CNMI Aviation Task Force, and Strategic Development Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. David Mangarero Sablan established the Saipan Rotary Club in March 1968 and has served as an Honorary, Double Past President, and Senior Active Member of the Saipan Rotary Club, as well as a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International; and

WHEREAS, Mr. David Mangarero Sablan's dedication to Rotary and community service was further recognized when he was named Rotary Club Citizen of the Year in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. David Mangarero Sablan has also contributed to the preservation of CNMI history through his autobiography, "A Degree of Success through Curiosity," which shares his experiences growing up on Saipan during World War II and documents aspects of the social, political, and economic history of the era; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his efforts to preserve the history of the Commonwealth, Mr. David Mangarero Sablan received the 2015 Governor's Humanities Award for the preservation of CNMI history; and

WHEREAS, Mr. David Mangarero Sablan's decades of service in the private sector, public sector, and community demonstrate his dedication to the continued growth, development, and success of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, his life and accomplishments serve as an example of how hard work, dedication, discipline, and service can positively impact future generations of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Congress wishes to formally recognize Mr. David Mangarero Sablan for his outstanding achievements, leadership, service, and lasting contributions to the people of the Commonwealth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Twentieth Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress, that the Youth Congress hereby honors and commends Mr. David Mangarero Sablan for his notable accomplishments, tireless service, and remarkable contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and its people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Youth Congress recognizes Mr. David Mangarero Sablan's contributions to the economic development of the Commonwealth, his leadership in the business and tourism industries, and his service as a community leader; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Youth Congress recognizes Mr. David Mangarero Sablan for his lasting impact on the Saipan Rotary Club and his many years of dedication to community service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Youth Congress recognizes Mr. David Mangarero Sablan for his efforts to preserve and share the history of the Commonwealth for current and future generations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sponsor of this Resolution or the designee of the Speaker of the Youth Congress shall present a certified original copy of this Youth Congress Resolution to Mr. David Mangarero Sablan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Speaker of the Youth Congress shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and thereafter shall transmit a certified copy to the Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House of Representatives (24th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature); the Honorable Karl R. King-Nabors, President of the Senate (24th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature); the Honorable David M. Apatang, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Kimberlyn King-Hinds, CNMI Delegate to the House of Representatives (119th United States Congress); Dr. Joshua Wise, President of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce; and Mr. Stephen Dame, President of the Saipan Rotary Club.

Date: 10/24/2026 Introduced by: Caden Dame
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