

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

11TH REGULAR Session, 2024

Y.C. Res. No. 19- **29**

A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION

Recognizing the participants and organizers, as well as
congratulating the winners of the 2023 and 2024 NMI Supreme
Court’s High School Moot Court Competitions.

1 **WHEREAS**, the NMI Supreme Court’s High School Moot Court
2 Competition was established in 2023 by the Northern Mariana Islands Judiciary;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the competition is to “stimulate the work that
5 an attorney will do on a case that has been appealed”; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the competition is part of the series of qualifying tournaments
7 held in association with the National Association of Moot Court (NAMC), where
8 winners from each participating region are given the opportunity to compete with
9 other high schools throughout the U.S. mainland and territories; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the first High School Moot Court Competition was held from
11 December 6 – 7, 2023 at the Commonwealth Supreme Court with three schools
12 participating: Marianas High School, Saipan International School and Dr. Rita H.
13 Inos Jr.-Sr. High School; and

1 **WHEREAS**, out of a field of 18 students from three different high schools,
2 the tandem of Marianas High School’s Princes Habal and Julia Taitano became the
3 CNMI’s first High School Moot Court champions, and represented the
4 Commonwealth in the 2024 NAMC Tournament held at the University of
5 California, Santa Barbara; and

6 **WHEREAS**, from December 5 – 6, 2024, the second High School Moot
7 Court Competition was held at Guma Hustisia on Saipan; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in the two days of competition, a total of three schools were
9 represented: Mount Carmel School, Marianas High School and Saipan International
10 School; and

11 **WHEREAS**, at the end of the competition, the team of Julia Taitano and
12 Jia Ross Nicdao were declared winners of the tournament; and

13 **WHEREAS**, as winners, they have earned to represent the Commonwealth
14 at the 2025 NAMC Tournament to be held at Yale University in New Haven,
15 Connecticut; and


16 **WHEREAS**, with their win, Marianas High School has won the
17 competition for two consecutive years and; and

18 **WHEREAS**, because of this competition, the Commonwealth’s youth have
19 been given another opportunity to shine on a national stage through their education
20 of the legal process and for that, the Youth Congress commends all those involved
21 in its organization and those who competed for their respective schools; and

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the by the Nineteenth
2 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress, that the Youth
3 Congress commends the organizers and participants, and congratulates the winners
4 of the 2023 and 2024 NMI Supreme Court High School Moot Court Competitions;
5 and

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the Youth Congress
7 shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the
8 adoption of this resolution and thereafter shall transmit a certified copy to the
9 Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House of Representatives (23rd
10 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature); Honorable Edith E. DeLeon
11 Guerrero, President of the Senate (23rd Northern Marianas Commonwealth
12 Legislature); the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Governor of the Commonwealth of
13 the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan,
14 CNMI Delegate to the House of Representatives (118th United States Congress);
15 the Honorable Alexandro C. Castro, Chief Justice of the Commonwealth Supreme
16 Court; Lawrence F. Camacho, Ed.D, Commissioner of Education (CNMI Public
17 School System); John C. Blanco, President (Mount Carmel School); Ronald
18 Snyder, Ed.D, Headmaster (Saipan International School); Ms. Annette Calvo,
19 Principal (Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr.-Sr. High School); and Ms. Melanie S. Rdiall, Interim
20 Principal (Marianas High School).

Date: 12/21/2024

Introduced by: 
Senator Ysabella V. Palacios