

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

Y.C. Res No. 15-05

First day, Second Regular Session, 2016

A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION

To respectfully urge the Honorable Representatives of the 19th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature to work collaboratively with the Public School System – Office of Pupil Transportation to oversee and repair all damaged bus stops of their respective precincts to ensure the safety of all students who rely heavily on school buses for transportation.

1 **WHEREAS**, the Public School System – Office of Pupil Transportation (PSS – OPT)
2 is responsible for the safe, reliable, and efficient transportations for the students of the Public
3 School System (PSS) to and from their respective schools; and

4 **WHEREAS**, it is not the responsibility of PSS – OPT to construct and maintain the
5 bus shelters; and

6 **WHEREAS**, however, PSS – OPT works collaboratively with agencies and
7 organizations, both public and private, that constructs these bus stop structures and informs as
8 to whether the shelter is appropriate and safely located; and

9 **WHEREAS**, as of May 2015, the PSS records state that there are 126 bus stops located
10 on the island of Saipan with approximately 40 bus stops missing a shelter; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in August 2015, the number of bus stops missing a shelter has increased
12 significantly due to the passing of Typhoon Soudelor; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 2013, the Fina Sisu bus stop was demolished by an unfortunate
14 vehicular collision and remains unrepaired till this day; and

15 **WHEREAS**, due to the unfortunate circumstances, the students residing in the village
16 of Fina Sisu must walk to the As Lito bus stop in order to get picked up to be transported to
17 school; and

1 **WHEREAS**, this type of occurrence poses potential weatherly and criminal threats to
2 the students due to their exposure to the open and length of time it takes to get to the As Lito
3 bus stop; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the repairs of damaged bus stop shelters is a troubling concern for our
5 students, their parents, and respective village communities all throughout our beloved
6 Commonwealth; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the repairs of damaged bus stop shelters will prove to be beneficial to our
8 islands and ensure safety to our students, who rely on buses as a means of transportation, from
9 potential earthly and unearthly threats;

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Fifteenth CNMI Youth Congress
11 respectfully urges the Honorable Representatives of the 19th Northern Marianas
12 Commonwealth Legislature to work collaboratively with the Public School System – Office of
13 Pupil Transportation to oversee and repair all damaged bus stops of their respective precincts
14 to ensure the safety of all students who rely heavily on school buses for transportation.; and

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the Fifteenth CNMI Youth
16 Congress shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the
17 adoption of this Resolution and thereafter shall transmit certified copies to the Honorable
18 Members of the Nineteenth House of Representatives; Kimo Rosario, Program Manager,
19 Public School System – Office of Pupil Transportation; the Honorable Francisco M. Borja,
20 President of the Senate; the Honorable Rafael S. Demapan, Speaker of the House of
21 Representatives; and to the Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres, Governor of the Commonwealth of
22 the Northern Mariana Islands.

Date: Jan. 11, 2016

Introduced by: 
Senator Roselyn B. Tanghal