

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

Y.C. Res No. 15-06

First day, Third Regular Session, 2016

A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION

Respectfully requesting the 19th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature to include the CNMI Youth Congress as a non-voting member of House and Senate Standing Committees.

1 **WHEREAS**, the CNMI Youth Congress can greatly benefit from being fully
2 enveloped in the legislative process; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in order to fully invest in the CNMI Youth Congress, it is vital that
4 members of the Youth Congress be involved in addressing critical matters facing our
5 Commonwealth such as participating in discussions at the Committee level; and

6 **WHEREAS**, one effective way to keep members of the CNMI Youth Congress
7 involved and knowledgeable about the legislative process is to include them as non-voting
8 members of the House and Senate Standing Committees; and

9 **WHEREAS**, since the bulk on legislation decisions are made at the Committee level, it
10 would be greatly beneficial for members of the CNMI Youth Congress to be a part of the
11 process as it would instill a greater understanding on the concept of how legislative decisions
12 are made at both Houses of the Legislature; and

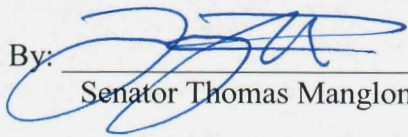
13 **WHEREAS**, the CNMI must continue to harness and cultivate our youth by passing
14 down essential knowledge which would in turn build future leaders, workers, and ultimately,
15 build productive members of society; and

16 **WHEREAS**, creating an atmosphere for the CNMI Youth Congress to thrive will
17 essentially maximize the potential knowledge and experience our youth can gain while
18 simultaneously aiding in the future of the CNMI;

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fifteenth CNMI Youth Congress
2 hereby respectfully requests the 19th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature to include
3 the Youth Congress as a non-voting member of House and Senate Standing Committees; and

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the Fifteenth CNMI Youth
5 Congress shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the
6 adoption of this Resolution and thereafter shall transmit certified copies to the Honorable
7 Francisco M. Borja, President of the Senate; the Honorable Rafael S. Demapan, Speaker of the
8 House of Representatives; the Honorable Gregorio "Kilili" Sablan, Washington Delegate; and
9 to the Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern
10 Mariana Islands.

Date: 04/07/16

Introduced By: 
Senator Thomas Manglona