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### OPENING OF THE CEREMONY

Master of Ceremony: Good morning and welcome to the Legislature. I call upon the Sergeant-At-Arms to please escort the Presiding Officer of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, Senate President Arnold Palacios to the platform.

Master of Ceremony: Ladies and gentlemen, I am honored to present to you the Youth Senators-elect to the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress representing the respective private and public high schools:

Representing Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr./Sr. High School: Senator-elect Asiana Cruz Manglona;  
Representing Grace Christian Academy: Senator-elect Alan Xu Hinson;  
Representing Kagman High School: Senator-elect Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi;  
Representing Saipan Southern High School: Senator-elect Christian Delivios Merante; and  
Representing Tinian Jr./Sr. High School: Senator-elect Craig Hocog Crisostomo

Master of Ceremony: At this time, I would like to request the Hopwood Middle School Leadership Corp for the posting of the Colors and may I ask the sergeant at arms to please escort Ms. Darlene Demapan Aldan to lead us in the singing of the U.S. and the Commonwealth Anthems.

### INVOCATION

Master of Ceremony: Thank you, Hopwood Middle School Leadership Corp and Ms. Aldan. I ask everyone to please remain standing and I call upon the Sergeant-At-Arms to please escort **Father James** to the podium to offer the Invocation.

Father James: Let us pray. Good and gracious god, on this day we give you thanks and praise for all the wonderful and beautiful gifts you have showered us with the gift of our lives, your love, our families and friends. Today we offer our prayers and we ask for your blessing upon all of our youth here in the CNMI, especially those who are going through a very difficult time perhaps they have experience some form of domestic violence, poverty or food insecurity give them strength oh lord, bless all of our youth here in our beautiful islands and particularly today showered with your blessing and your grace these members of the CNMI youth congress they have been chosen and elected to represent their schools and to serve their fellow brothers and sisters here in the CNMI. May they be faithful on all they say and do, may they be responsible in all they say and do, may they go wisdom, knowledge and grace to make right and good choices today and everyday of their lives, bless their families and friends. May they and we oh lord always realize that the world does not revolve around us, our lives is not really about ourselves but at the most worthwhile and best thing in life is to offer ourselves, to give ourselves in service to our fellow brothers and sisters, to offer our service in humility to them to better our world. We make this prayer in your name, amen.

#### WELCOMING REMARKS

Master of Ceremony: Thank you, Father James. Please be seated. Ladies and gentlemen it is with distinct honor that I welcome you all to this Inauguration Ceremony of the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress. To witness this monumental event, we are privileged with the presence of Senate President Arnold Palacios, Acting Governor Victor Borja Hocog, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Honorable Alex Castro, along with the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature. Along with the dignitaries present with us today are friends, families and most especially the proud parents of our youth senators elect. I welcome all of you to the legislative branch, on behalf of the members of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature and the staff of the legislative bureau, congratulation to the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress. Ladies and gentlemen, it is with great pleasure that I call upon Speaker Pro Tem, the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, to officially call this Organizational Session of the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress to order. Speaker Pro Tem Palacios, please.

Speaker Pro Tem Arnold Palacios: Thank you master of ceremony. Before I call this session to order I also want Lieutenant Governor Hocog, Supreme Court Justice Castro and members of the House and Senate and especially to the parents and friends, relatives of the newly elected members of the youth congress for joining us this morning. Welcome to the legislature. I now call the Sixteenth Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress to order. I have received the certifications of all the Senators-Elect to the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress. However, the Youth Congress shall be the judge of the selection and qualification of its own members. With the consensus of the members of the Youth Congress, I appoint Senator-Elect - Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi as Floor Leader Pro Tem until the position of the Floor Leader is elected. I now ask the Clerk to call the roll, please.

#### ROLL CALL

*The Clerk called the roll and all five senators-elect were present.*

**APPOINTMENT OF CREDENTIALS AND ADOPTION OF CREDENTIALS  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Speaker Pro Tem Arnold Palacios: Thank you, Clerk. Pursuant to the roll call, all Senators-elect are present this morning a quorum is established to proceed forward with the Organizational Session of the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress. The first order of business is to appoint the Credentials Committee to review the credentials of the Youth Congress Senators-Elect. I hereby appoint **Senator-Elect Asiana Cruz Manglona** to Chair the Credentials Committee. To serve as members of the committee, I shall appoint **Senators-Elect, Craig Hocog Crisostomo, Alan Xu Hinson and Christian Delivios Merante**. At this point, I declare the Youth Congress in recess until such time that the Credentials Committee is ready to report back to this body. Short recess.

*RECESS*

*The Youth Congress recessed at 10:18 a.m.*

*The Youth Congress reconvened at 10:20 a.m.*

Speaker Pro Tem Arnold Palacios: The Credentials Committee has submitted its report. I now call this Organizational Session back to order. I now recognize Senator-elect Asian Cruz Manglona, chairperson of the Credentials Committee.

Senator-Elect Asiana Cruz Manglona: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Pro Tem Palacios. Your Credentials Committee begs to leave to report that upon duly reviewing the pertinent credentials of Senators-elect Asiana Cruz Manglona, Alan Xu Hinson, Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi, Christian Delivios Merante and Craig Hocog Crisostomo, your Credentials Committee finds that each of the aforementioned senators-elect have been duly elected and meet the requirements of Public Law 17-22 and specifically, 1CMC § 1611 of the CNMI Youth Congress Reform Act of 2010, which states that the “youth congress shall be the judge of the selection and qualification of its members.”

Speaker Pro Tem Palacios: Thank you, Chair. May I request for a motion for the adoption of the Credentials Committee Report? Senator-elect Manglona, recognize.

Senator-Elect Asiana Cruz Manglona: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Pro Tem. I move for the adoption of the Credentials Committee Report No. 16-01.

*The motion was seconded*

Speaker Pro Tem Palacios: Motion has been offered for the adoption of Credentials Committee Report No. 16-01 and has been seconded. Discussion on that motion? Ready for the question. “Those in favor for the adoption of Credentials Committee Report 16-01, please say “AYE” opposed, please say ”NAY.” Motion carries. Credentials Committee Report is hereby adopted.

**SWEARING-IN OF MEMBERS**

Speaker Pro Tem Palacios: We shall continue with the Order of Business. Under item 4 of today's agenda, we are privileged and honored to have the presence of the Chief Justice of the CNMI Supreme Court, the Honorable Alexandro Castro, to administer the Oath of Office. I now ask the Senators-Elect to please rise and I ask the Sergeant-At-Arms to escort Chief Justice Castro to the podium.

Chief Justice Castro: Please raise your right hand and repeat after me.

*All Youth Senators-Elect recited the following:*

"I do solemnly swear, that I will support and defend The Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, the applicable provisions of the Constitution, laws and treaties of the United States of America, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as a Representative, of the sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress to the best of my ability so help me God."

Chief Justice Castro: Congratulations. Let's give them a big round of applause.

Speaker Pro Tem Palacios: Thank you, Chief Justice Castro. As it's necessary I would like to ask the Senators-elect please sign your oath of office document and submit it to the youth congress clerk.

### **ADOPTION OF CNMI YOUTH CONGRESS RULES**

Speaker Pro Tem Palacios: Please be seated, again I congratulate you. At this time, the Chair will entertain a motion for the adoption of the CNMI Youth Congress Rules of Procedure. I recognize Floor Leader Pro Tem Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi.

Floor Leader Pro Tem Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Pro Tem. I would like to introduce Youth Congress Resolution No. 16-01, "A Youth Congress Resolution to officially adopt the Rules of Procedure for the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress." At the same time, I would like to move for the adoption of the resolution.

*The motion was seconded*

Speaker Pro Tem Palacios: The motion has been made for the adoption of Youth Congress Resolution No. 16-01 has been made and seconded. Discussion on that motion? Ready. Those in favor of the adoption motion offered by the floor leader pro tem, please say "AYE." Oppose, please say "NAY." Motion carries. Youth Congress Resolution No. 16-01 which is the rules of procedure is hereby adopted.

### **ELECTION OF SPEAKER**

Speaker Pro Tem Palacios: We now move to the next item of the Order of Business, for the Election of the Speaker. The floor is now open for nominations. I recognize Senator Christian Delivios Merante.

Senator Christian Delivios Merante: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Pro Tem; I nominate Senator Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi to the Office of the Speaker for the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress.

*The motion was seconded*

Speaker Pro Tem Palacios: A nomination has been offered on the floor for the Speaker. Do I hear any other nomination? That means to close nomination. The nomination is for the speakership for Senator Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi to the Office of the Speaker, and has been seconded. Is there a motion to close nomination? I recognize Senator Christian Delivios Merante.

Senator Christian Delivios Merante: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Pro Tem. I move to close nomination.

Speaker Pro Tem Palacios: A motion has been made to close nomination, and has been seconded, discussion? Those in favor of that motion to close nomination please say "aye". Oppose say "nay". Motion carries, we are now voting on the nomination for Senator Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi for the office of the Speaker. Clerk please call the roll.

### **ROLL CALL**

*The Clerk called the roll and all five senators voted yes.*

Speaker Pro Tem Palacios: With five members voting yes, Senator Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi is hereby elected a Speaker for the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress. Congratulations! I now ask the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the newly elected Speaker to preside over this Inaugural Session. I call for two minutes break, short recess.

### **RECESS**

*The Youth Congress recessed at 10:30 a.m.*

*The Youth Congress reconvened at 10:32 a.m.*

### **ELECTION OF VICE-SPEAKER**

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: Thank you very much for your vote of confidence to serve as your Speaker for the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress. Let us move on with our Order of Business. The Floor is now open for the nomination for the Office of the Vice Speaker. Senator Craig Hocog Crisostomo, you are recognized.

Senator Craig Hocog Crisostomo: Thank you. Mr. Speaker; I nominate Senator Christian Delivios Merante to the Office of the Vice Speaker for the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress

*The motion was seconded*

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: There is a nomination on the floor nominating Senator Christian Delivios Merante to the Office of Vice-Speaker and has been seconded. Is there any other discussion? I recognized Senator Craig Hocog Crisostomo.

Senator Craig Hocog Crisostomo: Thank you. Mr. Speaker I move to close nomination.

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: A motion has been made to close nomination, and has been seconded, all in favor of that motion please say “aye”. Oppose say “nay”. There is only one nomination on the floor for the Office of the Vice Speaker. The nominee is Senator Christian Delivios Merante. There being no other nominee, Senator Merante is hereby elected by acclamation to serve as a Vice-Speaker for the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress. Congratulations Senator Merante.

### **ELECTION OF FLOOR LEADER**

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: The Floor is now open for the nomination for the Office of the Floor Leader. Senator Asiana Cruz Manglona, you are recognized.

Senator Asiana Cruz Manglona: Thank you. Mr. Speaker; I nominate Senator Alan Xu Hinson to the Office of the Floor Leader for the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress.

*The motion was seconded*

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: There is a nomination on the floor nominating Senator Alan Xu Hinson to the Office of the Floor Leader, and has been seconded. Is there any other nomination? Senator Asiana Cruz Manglona you are recognized.

Senator Asiana Cruz Manglona: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I move to close nomination.

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: A motion has been made to close nomination, and has been seconded, all in favor of that motion please say “aye”. Oppose say “nay”. There is only one nomination on the floor for the Office of the Floor Leader. The nominee is Senator Alan Xu Hinson. There being no other nominee, Senator Hinson is hereby elected by acclamation to serve as the Floor Leader for the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress. Congratulations Floor Leader Hinson.

### **ELECTION OF LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY**

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: We now move on to the election of Legislative Secretary. Senator Alan Xu Hinson, you are recognized.

Senator Alan Xu Hinson: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I nominate Senator Asiana Cruz Manglona to the Office of the Legislative Secretary for the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress.

*The motion was seconded*

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: There is a nomination on the floor nominating Senator Asiana Cruz Manglona to the office of the Legislative Secretary, and has been seconded. Is there any other nomination? I recognized Senator Alan Xu Hinson.

Senator Alan Xu Hinson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to close nomination.

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: A motion has been made to close nomination, and has been seconded, all in favor of that motion please say "aye". Oppose say "nay". There is only one nomination on the floor for the Office of the Legislative Secretary. The nominee is Senator Asiana Cruz Manglona. There being no other nominee, Senator Manglona is hereby elected by acclamation to serve as the Legislative Secretary for the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress. Congratulations Senator Manglona. Fellow Senators, we have elected our leadership for this Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress. Once again, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your confidence. I, together with the newly elected officers, look forward to serving you and our peers in the best way we can.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS**

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: I now would like to appoint the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Youth Congress Standing Committees.

1. For the Committee on Ways & Means: I appoint Senator Craig H. Crisostomo to chair the Committee and Senator Asiana C. Manglona as Vice-Chair.
2. Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Tourism: I appoint Senator Alan Hinson to Chair the Committee and Senator Christian D. Merante as Vice-Chair.
3. Committee on Health & Welfare: I appoint Senator Asiana C. Manglona to Chair the Committee and Senator Craig H. Crisostomo as Vice-Chair.
4. Committee on Judiciary & Government Operations: I appoint Senator Christian D. Merante to Chair the Committee and Senator Craig H. Crisostomo as Vice-Chair.
5. Committee on Summit and Activities: I appoint Senator Alan Hinson to Chair the Committee and Senator Christian D. Merante as Vice-Chair.



6. Committee on Education, Sports & Recreation: I appoint Senator Asiana C. Manglona to Chair the Committee and Senator Alan Hinson as Vice-Chair.

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: Thank you members. I am confident in your ability to effectively carry out your responsibilities of your respective committees.

### **NOTIFICATION TO GOVERNOR AND PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATURE**

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: At this time, I would like to appoint Senator Crisostomo and Senator Merante to notify the Governor and the Presiding Officers of the Twentieth Northern Mariana Commonwealth Legislature that the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress is duly organized and ready to conduct business. We will take a short recess to allow the Senators time to formally notify the Governor and the Presiding Officers of the Legislative Branch.

#### *RECESS*

*The Youth Congress recessed at 10:38 a.m.*

*The Youth Congress reconvened at 10:39 a.m.*

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: We are back in session. May I please request Senator Crisostomo and Senator Merante to report to the full body?

Senator Craig H. Crisostomo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Merante and I have officially notified the Governor and the Presiding Officers of the Legislative Branch that we are duly organized and ready to conduct business.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: Thank you, Senators Crisostomo and Merante. At this time, I ask our clerk if there is any communication addressed to the Youth Congress.

YC Clerk: None at this time Mr. Speaker.

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: Thank you, Madame Clerk.

### **STATEMENT BY MEMBERS**

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: Moving on with our Order of Business, we will have statement of members at this time, and I would like to begin with Senator Crisostomo.

Senator Craig H. Crisostomo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To start off, I would like to take the time to thank everyone in this room today for gathering here to witness the inauguration of my colleagues and I. I would also like to thank the many people who were unable to make today especially my family, friends, and classmates. They supported me and guided me up to this



moment where I will take on the title of Youth Senator. And I can't talk about guidance without mentioning and thanking the staff of the legislative bureau most especially, the youth congress coordinator, Christine Castro, the sergeant at arms, Aesha Sablan, the booklet creator, Claire Sablan, and the master of ceremony, Cameron Santos. Lastly, I would like to thank and acknowledge the elected officials that have supported the youth congress program.

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: Thank you, Senator Crisostomo. And now I recognize Senator Hinson.

Senator Alan Xu Hinson: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Good Morning family, friends, special guests, and honored dignitaries. Thank you for being here today to witness this inauguration ceremony. First and foremost, I am extremely blissful to thank my friends at school, my teammates, and my family for shaping me into who I am today and supporting me to become a youth senator. I also want to thank my school principal, Miss Beth Ann Nunez for allowing me to run and providing me her full support in taking this seat. Moreover, I deeply appreciate and thank the backbone of this program: the hard working people that put together this year's CNMI Youth Congress. First I want to thank our coordinator Miss Chris Castro for putting together the 16th CNMI Youth Congress. She has showed me the hard work she does and I am honored to be working with her for the two years that I am a part of the CNMI Youth Congress. I'd like to also mention and thank sergeant AT arms Miss Aesha Sablan for working with us five newly elected youth senators. I also want to show thanks to: Claire Sablan, Cameron Nicholas, John Santos and all other senators and government officials who strongly support the idea of Youth Congress. I am ecstatic to work with all of you and it is with great honor and dignity that I could be able to represent my school and serve my island in the 16th CNMI Youth Congress. Thank you all! God bless!

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: Thank you, Senator Hinson. I now recognize Senator Manglona.

Senator Asiana C. Manglona: Thank you Speaker. Buenas Dias para todus hamyu/Good Morning to you all. First, I would like to thank and welcome Father James, Governor Ralph Torres and Lieutenant Governor Victor Hocog, Senators, Congressmen and Congresswomen from Saipan, Rota, and Tinian, other distinguished guests and everyone present here today for gracing us with your presence. It is both an honor and a privilege to be a part of the 16th Youth Congress. I would like to thank my parents, for their continuous support and love. Without them, I would not have made it this far. Mom and dad, you have shown me that I can do anything I set my mind to and for that I am beyond grateful. To my grandparents, thank you for always being there for me and continuously reminding me that I can do it. Thank you to Ms. Aesha, Ms. Chris Castro and Ms. Claire Sablan for helping me and being a big part of the program, your work and dedication to helping us is greatly appreciated! I look forward to working with all of you. I would also like to thank my teacher Ms. Chanelle Manglona for encouraging me to run and for helping through my journey. To Mrs. Annette Calvo my principle, and the students of Dr. Rita Hocog Inos jr./sr. High school, thank you for allowing me to represent our school. To the newly elected youth Congress leaders, I am both excited and anxious to work with all of you. Together, I believe that we can come with solutions to improve our islands. Again, a big thank you to everyone who has helped me in one way or another. I am ready to listen to the youth of our islands to ensure that

their concerns and suggestions are heard. Thank you, si yu'us ma'ase and may god bless the CNMI.

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: Thank you, Senator Manglona. I recognize Senator Merante.

Senator Christian D. Merante: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Hafa adai and good morning to everyone here. I would like to start by saying thank you to the lord above that we are all here today and forgiving me the chance to be sitting and talking to all of you fine people. I'd also like to thank our master of ceremony Cameron Nicolas, our youth congress clerk Christine Castro, Legal Counsel Antonette R. Villagomez, Sergeant at arms Aesha Sablan and Juan M. Santos and our booklet creator Claire Sablan. I also like to thank Saipan Southern High School especially my predecessor Reynafe Aniga for electing me and supplementing me with the support I need to reach this position lastly I would like to thank my family for all their time, support and love. The CNMI youth congress that's what I am a part of, my name is Christian Merante and I am currently a sophomore at Saipan Southern High School, I am representing the youth of the Saipan Southern High School and the youth of the CNMI. For the next two years my youth congress team and I will work hard to protect our islands young people and I look forward to working with all of you.

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: Thank you, Senator Merante. I shall now deliver my remarks. I would like to first and foremost thank everyone for gathering here today to witness and support this Inaugural Ceremony; your presence is greatly appreciated. To my principal Ms. Leila Staffler I thank you for coming to support me in this Inauguration the time you take to encourage and push me to do great things as much oblige. To begin, Chris I like to specifically thank you for the undyingly amazing work you have placed into youth congress I can confidently say with vacant regret that h vacant regret that you, being the miracle worker that you are, are the sole reason youth congress remains today. I have never seen someone answer so many of my unending questions over the phone with such specified detail as you have. For helping me since my first term in youth congress until the ending of my current term, I thank you, from the bottom of my heart. Next, I would like to address the love and support I receive from my parents. I have learned and received too much from you. So I hope and pray that I have become a son whom you are able to brag about. If so, then it is to my pleasure that I have at least alleviated some of the debt from the multitudinous sacrifices you have made to advance me as a person of character. I would like to say that the love I receive from you is also returned. Lastly, I would love to pronounce the support received from Mr. Cameron Nicholas, Ms. Aesha Sablan and Ms. Claire Sablan. Your work to further youth congress as well as embrace it cannot go unnoticed. That is why I would like to thank you. I believe I speak for all when I say that the support you radiate is the exact support us youths need. To help without expecting to gain something in return is the generosity displayed by you that I admire and respect. Your footsteps are what I strive to chase after.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: We are now under Public Comments and under this item on our agenda, anyone in the gallery or from those in attendance can make comments or offer guidance and wisdom to this body. Anyone interested in doing so, please come up to the

podium which is set at the front, of the Chamber, and as you come up, please state your name and residence for the record.

Councilman Luis John Castro: Just making sure that my time is set for five minutes. Hafa adai, I am Luis John Castro, Chairman of the Municipal Council representing Saipan and the Northern Islands. Sitting before you here I am also glad to say that I know each and every one of you feels. I was a member of the second, third and fourth CNMI youth congress as respectively and I can tell you this that the title that you hold. Once you take that oath of office, once you sit in the chairs that you seat pretty much all the responsibility that comes with it can be a lit bit overwhelming but take it each and every day at a time and you will be good throughout the rest of this term. On behalf of the colleagues that I sit with in the Municipal Council we congratulate each and every one of you for your election as well as for organizing yourselves today, please do not hesitate to visit us at the Municipal Council to see how we can work together, to Speaker Boadi congratulations and welcome to the club I know how you feel and I can tell you this that you have a very good staff helping you as well as very supportive group of colleagues that are going to be with you every step of the way, do not hesitate to use those resources to your advantage to advance your body as well as the mission you guys have respectively forward. To the other elected leaders here in the gallery I can say for all of us that we can learn a lot from these individuals that we have seen sworn in today so let's all use the resources that they have that they can offer to help advance not just their constituents but all of the constituents of the Commonwealth we represent forward so with that to all of you Honorable Senators of the CNMI Youth Congress, congratulations and good morning.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: Are there any announcements to be made? If none, I would like to announce that immediately after our session, I would like to request the Youth Congress Senators to assemble up here for an official photo taking. On behalf of the Legislative Bureau and the Youth Congress we are inviting all of you to please join us for lunch at the back of the building. Thank you all for coming to witness our inaugural ceremony.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: Floor Leader Hinson, you are recognized.

Floor Leader Hinson: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I now move to adjourn the Organizational Session of the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress.

*The motion was seconded*

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: The motion on the floor is for the adjournment of the Organizational Session for the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress, and has been seconded. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of the motion say "aye", those oppose say, "nay".

YC Speaker Kayjon Bradley Torres Boadi: The motion is carried. This Organizational Session for the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress is hereby adjourned.

**BENEDICTION**

Master of Ceremony: Thank you, and congratulations Speaker. At this time, I would like everyone to please rise for the benediction.

Mr. Cameron Nicolas: Dear Lord, as we close this organizational session of the sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress we pray and ask for their continued blessings and guidance as our members forge their path to work for their common good of our people and our Commonwealth, guide all of us coming in and going for the gifts and grace upon of our youth senators the responsibility carried out, the fiduciary responsibilities the wisdom to know, the knowledge to understand and the courage to know right from wrong. We ask this in the name of our lord and savior, Jesus Christ now and forever, Amen.

**CLOSING OF INAUGURAL CEREMONY**

Master of Ceremony: Ladies and gentlemen this concludes the inaugural ceremony of the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress. On behalf of the members of the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress, the members of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, and the staff of the Legislative Bureau, thank you all for your presence to witness this monumental event.

*The Youth Congress adjourned at 10:51 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

  
Christine Castro  
Youth Congress Clerk