

SIXTEENTH COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
YOUTH CONGRESS

Y.C. Res No. 16-02

1st Day, Second Regular Session, 2017

A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION

Respectfully urging the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to reopen the dental clinic within the Rota Health Center to provide necessary dental care services to the people of Rota.

1 **WHEREAS**, this legislative body understands the importance of maintaining good oral
2 and dental hygiene to ensure a healthy lifestyle for all ages; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the absence of dental care services on the island of Rota has forced
4 residents to seek dental care services outside of Rota causing additional financial burdens; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the construction of the Rota Health Center included space for a dental
6 clinic, but over the years the dental clinic area has been unused and unmaintained; and

7 **WHEREAS**, privately operated dental clinics from Saipan have provided dental care
8 services to the people of Rota on several occasions to assist the needs of the people with the
9 limited equipment and tools they are able to bring; and

10 **WHEREAS**, with the increasing numbers of oral cancer, it is essential that the people
11 of Rota be afforded the right to proper dental care without the financial constraint of travelling
12 abroad; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in addition to personal hygienic care, statistics have shown that regular
14 visits to the dentist may prevent or control abnormalities or diseases that may harm your oral
15 health;

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sixteenth CNMI Youth Congress
17 hereby respectfully urges the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to reopen the dental

1 clinic within the Rota Health Center to provide necessary dental care services to the people of
2 Rota; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the Sixteenth CNMI Youth
4 Congress shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the
5 adoption of this Resolution and thereafter shall transmit certified copies to Ms. Esther Muna,
6 Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation; Ms. Vanessa Hocog,
7 Resident Director, Rota Health Center; the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, President of the
8 Senate; the Honorable Rafael S. Demapan, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the
9 Honorable Gregorio "Kilili" Sablan, Washington Delegate; and to the Honorable Ralph DLG.
10 Torres, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Date: 07/7/11

Introduced By: 
Senator Asiana Manglona