

# Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 15, 2010

Second Regular Session, 2010

H. J. R. 17-7

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## A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

To approve the request of the Judicial Branch to hire employees deemed as very critical to the delivery of essential services under Public Law 17-21, 602(a).

1           WHEREAS, Public Law No. 17-21 established a hiring restriction that  
2 became effective on October 10, 2010; and

3           WHEREAS, as long as work hours and wages are reduced, no vacancies  
4 shall be filled except for critical and emergency positions; provided that until a  
5 law is passed defining critical and emergency positions, said critical and  
6 emergency positions must be approved by joint approval of the legislature  
7 pursuant to Section 602(a) of Public Law No. 17-21; and

8           WHEREAS, on October 15, 2010, Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan  
9 certified the following positions within the Judiciary as very critical to the  
10 delivery of essential services:

11                   In the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Supreme  
12           Court:  
13                   Law Clerk (1 position)

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1                   In the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Superior  
2                   Court:  
3                   Law Clerk (1 position)

4                   WHEREAS this transmission was received by the Speaker of the House  
5                   on October 15, 2010;

6                   **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of  
7                   Representatives of the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth  
8                   Legislature, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature hereby approves the hiring  
9                   of employees to fill the above-listed positions pursuant to P.L. 17-21, Section  
10                  602(a); and

11                  **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the House of  
12                  Representatives and the President of the Senate shall certify, and the House Clerk  
13                  and the Senate Legislature Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this joint  
14                  resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to the  
15                  Honorable Miguel S. Demapan, Chief Justice of the CNMI Supreme Court; the  
16                  Honorable Robert C. Naraja, Presiding Judge of the CNMI Superior Court; the  
17                  Honorable Benigno R. Fitial, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern  
18                  Mariana Islands; Robert Schrack, Secretary of the Department of Finance; Vicky  
19                  C. Villagomez, OMB Special Assistant; and Isidro K. Seman, Director, Office of  
20                  Personnel Management.

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Date: 10/15/10

Introduced By: /s/ Rep. George N. Camacho