

Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Session, 2011

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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, Section 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 December 28, 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 Superior

12 Court:

13 Deputy Courtroom Clerk (2 positions)

1 **WHEREAS**, this transmission was received by the Speaker of the House
2 on December 28, 2010;

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

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

Date: 1/25/11

Introduced By: 
Rep. Eliceo D. Cabrera