

**Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Third Regular Session, 2010**

**H. J. Res. 17-22**

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**A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

To establish FTEs and approve the filling of critical and emergency positions in the First and Second Senatorial Districts, the Office of the Mayor of the Third Senatorial District, the Judicial Branch and the Legislative Branch.

1           **WHEREAS**, Public Law No. 17-21, Section 602(b) eliminated the FTE's  
2 for positions which become vacant; and

3           **WHEREAS**, Public Law No. 17-21, Section 602(a) requires that in  
4 respect to business units where work hours or wages are reduced, only critical and  
5 emergency positions may be filled; and

6           **WHEREAS**, Public Law No. 17-21, Section 602(a) further requires that  
7 until the Legislature defines critical and emergency positions, the filling of critical  
8 and emergency positions must be approved by joint approval of the Legislature;  
9 and

10           **WHEREAS**, the FTE's that have been eliminated for positions that  
11 become vacant may be re-established by joint resolution of the Legislature; and

12           **WHEREAS**, the process of obtaining approval of the Legislature in  
13 respect to each vacancy is time consuming and interfering with the delivery of  
14 essential public services; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the House of Representatives and the Senate of the  
2 Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature find that it is  
3 necessary to establish FTEs and approve the filling of critical and emergency  
4 positions in advance in order to prevent the unreasonable disruption in the  
5 delivery of essential public services in the First and Second Senatorial Districts,  
6 the Office of the Mayor of the Third Senatorial District, the Judicial Branch and  
7 the Legislative Branch.

8           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the House of  
9 Representatives of the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth  
10 Legislature, the Senate concurring, that any FTE that becomes vacant by reason of  
11 PL No. 17-21, §602(b) in the First and Second Senatorial Districts, the Office of  
12 the Mayor of the Third Senatorial District, the Judicial Branch and the Legislative  
13 Branch is hereby established in the same business unit in which the vacancy  
14 occurred.


15           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in respect to business units where  
16 work hours or wages are reduced, the House of Representatives of the  
17 Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, the Senate  
18 concurring, approves the filling of critical and emergency positions in the First  
19 and Second Senatorial Districts, the Office of the Mayor of the Third Senatorial  
20 District, the Judicial Branch and the Legislative Branch.

1           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives of  
2 the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, the Senate  
3 concurring, defines critical and emergency positions to include positions in the  
4 Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety.

5           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the House of  
6 Representatives and the President of the Senate shall certify and the House Clerk  
7 and the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this concurrent  
8 resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a copy to the Honorable  
9 Benigno R. Fitial, Governor, Melchor A. Mendiola, Mayor of Rota, Ramon M.  
10 Dela Cruz, Mayor of Tinian, Miguel S. Demapan, Chief Justice of the Supreme  
11 Court, Robert C. Naraja, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, Eliceo D.  
12 Cabrera, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Paul A. Manglona, President  
13 of the Senate, Glenna SP Reyes, Director of the Legislative Bureau, Acting  
14 Secretary of Finance and Vicki C. Villagomez, OMB Special Assistant and Isidro  
15 K. Seman, Director of Personnel, Office of Personnel Management

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