

# Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 2011

Sixth Special Session, 2011

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## A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

To establish five FTEs in the Office of the Judicial Branch and authorize the positions to be filled

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 joint  
4 approval of the Legislature to fill critical and emergency positions; and

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

7           **WHEREAS**, by letter dated June 7, 2011 the Chief Justice and the  
8 Presiding Judge explained the necessity of filling the following vacant positions:

- 9           2    Law Clerks for the Supreme Court
- 10          1    Secretary to the Presiding Judge
- 11          1    Systems Administrator for the Judicial Administration Office
- 12          1    Computer Specialist for the Judicial Administration Office

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1           **WHEREAS**, the House of Representatives and the Senate of the  
2 Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature find that the filling of  
3 the above positions are critical and is necessary to protect the health, safety and  
4 welfare of the public;

5           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of  
6 Representatives of the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth  
7 Legislature, the Senate concurring, that five FTEs are established and authorized  
8 to be filled as follows:

- 9           2    Law Clerks for the Supreme Court
- 10           1   Secretary to the Presiding Judge
- 11           1   Systems Administrator for the Judicial Administration Office
- 12           1   Computer Specialist for the Judicial Administration Office

13           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the House of  
14 Representatives and the President of the Senate shall certify, and the House Clerk  
15 and the Senate Legislature Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this joint  
16 resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to the  
17 Honorable Miguel S. Demapan, Chief Justice of the Commonwealth Supreme  
18 Court; the Honorable Robert C. Naraja, Presiding Judge of the Commonwealth  
19 Superior Court; the Honorable Benigno R. Fitial, Governor of the Commonwealth  
20 of the Northern Mariana Islands; Ms. Larissa Larson, Secretary of the Department

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- 1 of Finance; Ms. Vicky C. Villagomez, OMB Special Assistant; and Mr. Isidro K.
- 2 Seman, Director, Office of Personnel Management.

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Date: 6/17/11

Introduced By: /s/ Rep. Eliceo D. Cabrera

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency:

/s/ John F. Cool  
House Legal Counsel