

**TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH**  
**LEGISLATURE**  
**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Session, 2025

\_\_\_\_\_ H. J. R. 24- 2 \_\_\_\_\_

**A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

To formally recognize and commemorate the National Conference  
of State Legislatures on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

1           **WHEREAS**, the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) was  
2 founded in 1975 and has evolved during the past half-century to become the premier  
3 organization solely dedicated to serving state and territorial legislators and  
4 legislative staff; and

5           **WHEREAS**, NCSL, a renowned organization, was established from the  
6 merger of three organizations that served or represented state legislatures and that  
7 shared the belief that legislative service is one of democracy's worthiest pursuits;  
8 and

9           **WHEREAS**, NCSL is a bipartisan organization with three objectives: to  
10 advance the effectiveness, independence and integrity of state legislatures; to foster  
11 interstate communication and cooperation; and to ensure states a strong, cohesive  
12 voice in the federal system; and

13           **WHEREAS**, our Nation's state legislatures are America's laboratories of  
14 democracy and have continually shown that they are the bodies to tackle emerging

1 challenges, and state legislatures are where people from very different  
2 backgrounds, representing very different communities, can come together and find  
3 common ground, and NCSL has facilitated the exchange of ideas, provided critical  
4 research and information, and encouraged a rigorous review of complex issues  
5 confronting our communities, states, and nation, and NCSL strives to strengthen  
6 the bonds between America's state legislatures and the international community;  
7 and

8           **WHEREAS**, throughout the years, the Northern Marianas Commonwealth  
9 Legislature, as the bicameral legislative body of the Commonwealth of the  
10 Northern Mariana Islands, has strengthened its legislative capacity through the  
11 National Conference of State Legislatures' training opportunities for members and  
12 staff, as well as its resources, research, and bipartisan collaboration, enabling it to  
13 better address unique territorial challenges and represent the diverse voices of its  
14 people in a dynamic federal system;

15           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the House of  
16 Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth  
17 Legislature, the Senate concurring, that the members of this Legislature recognize  
18 and commend the National Conference of State Legislatures for its dedicated  
19 leadership and unwavering commitment to the legislative institution; and

20           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the House of  
21 Representatives and the President of the Senate shall certify and the House Clerk

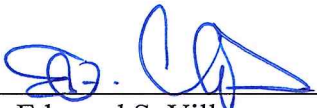
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1 and the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this joint  
2 resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a copy to the Executive  
3 Director of the National Conference of State Legislatures; the Honorable Arnold I.  
4 Palacios, Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and the  
5 Honorable Kimberlyn K. King-Hinds, CNMI Delegate to the U.S. House of  
6 Representatives, 119<sup>th</sup> United States Congress.

Prefiled: 06.10.25

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Introduced by:   
Rep. Edmund S. Villagomez

Reviewed for legal sufficiency by:  
  
House Legal Counsel  
Date: 6.10.25