The Honorable Jesus R. Sablan
President of the Senate
Tenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Diego T. Benavente
Speaker, House of Representatives
Tenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law House Bill No. 10-278, S.D.1., "To amend 3 CMC Section 4434(i)(E), the Nonresident Worker Extension Act of 1996, which makes it impossible for the Northern Marianas College to retain able instructors who have earned their degree(s) from prestigious colleges or universities outside the United States; and for other purposes."

This bill becomes law as P.L. 10-31.

Sincerely,

FROILAN C. TENORIO
AN ACT

To amend 3 CMC Section 4434(l)(E), the Nonresident Worker Extension Act of 1996, which makes it impossible for the Northern Marianas College to retain able instructors who have earned their degree(s) from prestigious colleges or universities outside the United States; and for other purposes.

Offered by Representatives: David M. Apatang and Jesus T. Attao

Date: August 9, 1996

HOUSE ACTION

Standing Committee Report: None
First and Final Reading: August 9, 1996
Acceptance of Senate Amendment: September 12, 1996

SENATE ACTION

Standing Committee Report: None
Second and Final Reading: August 28, 1996

Evelyn C. Fliew
House Clerk
AN ACT

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Findings. The Legislature finds this amendment necessary so as to allow the Northern Marianas College to retain instructors who have graduated from colleges or universities located outside the United States. The Legislature also finds that 3 CMC Section 4434 (1)(E) requires colleges, universities, or institutions to be accredited by the United States accrediting association or based within the United States. Furthermore, this requirement inhibits the retention of competent instructors and future hiring of qualified instructors who have graduated from distinguished colleges or universities outside the United States and without accreditation by the United States accreditation association, but are of the same academic standards.

Section 2. Amendment. 3 CMC Section 4434 (1)(E), as enacted by Public Law 10-4, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(E) For instructors, research scientists and other technical and professional employees at the Northern Marianas College; provided, however, that such nonresident workers must be graduates of colleges or universities in the United States, or colleges or universities which are accredited by the United States accrediting association, or, alternatively, that such nonresident workers shall have earned degree(s) from colleges, universities, or institutions abroad that are recognized by the Board of Regents and shall meet all other professional requirements set by the Board of Regents.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
 circumstanes other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. **Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained
 in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The
 enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any
 liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the date this Act becomes
 effective.

Section 5. **Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor
 or upon its becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:                                                                 ATTESTED BY:

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DIEGO T. BENAVENTE        [Signature]
Speaker
House of Representatives

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EVELYN C. FLEMING
House Clerk

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FROILANCEN. TENORIO
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

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