



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
Special Election for the Third Senatorial District

Whereas, Section 9 of Article II of the Commonwealth Constitution provides that “[a] vacancy in the legislature shall be filled by a special election if one-half or more of the term remains”; and

Whereas, pursuant to 1 CMC §6502, the Governor is vested with the authority to call a special election to fill a vacancy in the Legislature; and

Whereas, on August 13, 2014, the Commonwealth Election Commission certified then-Senator Ray N. Yumul as a candidate for Lieutenant Governor; and

Whereas, section 5 of Article VIII of the Commonwealth Constitution provides that an “elected public office shall resign from office upon certification to be a candidate for another public office, if the term of the office sought begins before the end of the term of the office held”; and

Whereas, on August 19, 2014, then-Senator Yumul resigned from his office in the Senate of the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; and

Whereas, the Senate President certified that the resignation of former Senator Yumul created a vacancy in the Senate of the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; and

Whereas, the term remaining in the vacant senatorial seat is greater than one-half of the four-year term and thus must be filled by a special election; and

Now, therefore, I, Eloy S. Inos, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Governor, do hereby proclaim and call for a **Special Election** to be held for the purpose of electing a member to fill the vacant seat existing in the Senate for the Third Senatorial District. The Special Election shall be held concurrently with the General Election on **Tuesday, November 4, 2014**.

Furthermore, all nomination petitions for the Special Election shall be filed with the Commonwealth Election Commission on or before September 18, 2014, and the Commission shall act on the petitions on or before September 22, 2014.

Furthermore, the Commonwealth Election Commission shall designate and publicize the polling places for the Special Election no later than 15 days prior to the Special Election; establish all other deadlines associated with the Special Election; and cause a copy of this proclamation to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Commonwealth and to be posted in the Third Senatorial District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this 5th day of September 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eloy S. Inos".

ELOY S. INOS
Governor