

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 14

WHEREAS the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is committed to Socio-Economic Development; and

WHEREAS to establish a realistic strategy for developing the Commonwealth resources, promote the Commonwealth's economic progress, improve community facilities and services, serve as a basis for a continuing planning and development program; and

WHEREAS the representative citizen participation and harmony of purpose of governmental agencies is essential to socio-economic development;

NOW THEREFORE by the power vested in the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands I have established the Commonwealth Development Commission with the following objectives, powers, duties and responsibilities:

Section 1. Commonwealth Development Commission - The Commonwealth Development Commission is hereby established to act as an advisory group to the Governor on all socio-economic issues.

Section 2. Objectives, Powers, Duties and Responsibilities:

- A. The Commonwealth Development Commission shall be responsible for developing and maintaining an acceptable Socio-Economic Strategy.
- B. The Commonwealth Development Commission will review and recommend appropriate Executive action on all matters related to Socio-Economic Development including all public investments and specific private investments that effect or may effect the economy at the present time or in the future.

- C. The Commonwealth Development Commission shall consult and advise the Director of the Department of Finance on matters relating to the financial management activities of the Commonwealth Government.
- D. The Commonwealth Development Commission shall be empowered to conduct research, hold public hearings on major issues and prioritize public investments.

Section 3. Composition - The Commonwealth Development Commission shall be representative of the community so that all view points are considered in discussion and decision making and all available local skills are engaged in program formulation. Representation on the Commission shall include representatives of local government, business, industry, finance, the professions, organized labor, education, cultural minorities and the unemployed or underemployed. The Governor shall appoint all members of the Commonwealth Development Commission to serve for two (2) years as follows:

- Representing the Executive Branch of Government
- Representing the Legislative Branch of Government
- Representing the Independent Agencies and Instrumentalities of the Government
- Representing Carolinian Affairs
- Representing Local Government (Mayoral)
- Representing Finance
- Representing Tourism
- Representing Chamber of Commerce

Representing Education

Representing Medical and Health

Representing the unemployed or underemployed

Representing Engineering and/or Construction Industry

Representing Professional Sector

Representing Labor

Section 4. Technical Access - The Commonwealth Development Commission shall have access to the Executive Branch of the government's technical expertise by having all Department Directors serving as a Resource Committee to the Commonwealth Development Commission.

Section 5. Rules and Regulations - The Commonwealth Development Commission shall prepare rules and regulations as deemed appropriate and necessary to perform its function and will submit such rules and regulations to the Governor for concurrence and approval. Said rules and regulations shall be effective upon final publication in the Commonwealth Register.

Date: Sept. 24, 1979

Carlos S. Camacho
CARLOS S. CAMACHO
Governor

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It is hereby acknowledged that Executive Order No. 14
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date Sept. 24, 1979, was submitted/and received by the Northern
Marianas Commonwealth Legislature on Oct. 25, 1979.

John J. May
Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of
Representative

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
RESOURCE COMMITTEE
(NON-VOTING)

1. Commerce and Labor - Director
2. Community and Cultural Affairs - Director
3. Education - Director
4. Finance - Director
5. Health and Environment - Director
6. Natural Resources - Director
7. Planning and Budget Affairs - Officer
8. Public Safety - Director
9. Public Works - Director