

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR

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WHEREAS, the continued social and economic growth of the Commonwealth is dependent upon the Commonwealth's ability to meet the critical shortages of professional and technical personnel in both the public and private sector; and

WHEREAS, a community college with its unique design and purpose can and will enhance the Commonwealth's ability to meet such shortages of trained manpower; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is in agreement with the concept of a community college for the Northern Marianas as proposed by the Task Force's Report "NMCC: A Feasibility Study"; and

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WHEREAS, it is the further intent of this Executive Order to consolidate and achieve efficient administration of the various local and federal programs pertaining to training and adult vocational education, and postsecondary and adult education by allocating and placing them under a single administration through the College.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, I, Carlos S. Camacho, Governor, hereby revoke the Executive Proclamation dated August 23, 1976, entitled: "Proclamation Establishing the Northern Mariana Community College" and supersede that Proclamation with this Executive Order.

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  - (f) To administer the programs awarding financial assistance to students of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
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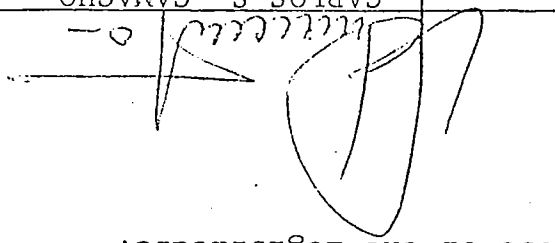
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Section 16. Effective Date. This Executive Order shall take effect 60 days from its submission to the Legislature unless specifically modified or disapproved by the majority of members of each house of the Legislature.

*Amended*  
Date 12, 1981

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