



DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS

"The People's Party: A Better Deal for a Hopeful Future"

A CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Establishing procedures and deadlines pursuant to Article 6, Section 2 of the Party Bylaws for the nomination of candidates to run under the Democratic Party banner in the 2024 midterm election.

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of the Northern Mariana Islands, Inc. ("the Democratic Party") is and always has been the party of the common and ordinary people in the CNMI; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party has a proud tradition of serving the people of the CNMI responsibly and effectively, without discrimination based on race, religion, sex, creed, color of skin, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression; and

WHEREAS, the next CNMI Midterm Election will be held on November 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Democratic Party of the Northern Marianas that incumbent elective office-holders who were elected at the previous election as Democrats have earned the right, if they so choose, to seek reelection as Democrats unless a substantial number of registered members of the Democratic Party of the Northern Marianas express a desire to have another candidate stand for nomination as an alternative to a named incumbent; and

WHEREAS, with the time for the midterm election fast approaching, it is essential to establish an effective, efficient, fair and orderly process for the recruitment and nomination of candidates for public office under the Democratic Party banner in the 2024 midterm election; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Central Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of the Northern Mariana Islands, Inc., as follows:

1. Incumbent Democrats who submit letters of intent to seek reelection as Democrats by January 31, 2024 shall be entitled to presumptive nominee status;
2. Individuals who wish to challenge an incumbent Democrat for nomination as the Democratic Party candidate for the office held by the incumbent must submit to Party Chair a petition bearing the signature of not fewer than 50 registered voters of the Northern Marianas on or before February 15, 2024;
3. In the event an incumbent is challenged for the party nomination, the question of which individual shall be the Party nominee will be decided by primary election conducted concurrently with the Presidential Preference Primary conducted March 5-12, 2024. Unsuccessful candidates in the primary remain eligible to seek nomination for another office under the Democratic Party banner;
4. All other candidates must submit letters of intent no later than April 2, 2024 to be considered for nomination;
5. Presumptive nominees who have not been challenged for the nomination are confirmed as candidates for their offices upon expiration of the February 15, 2024 deadline;

6. In the event that a presumptive nominee is challenged for the nomination, the unsuccessful candidate(s) in the primary may still submit a letter of intent for another office;
7. Presumptive nominees may not be challenged so long as there is at least one open seat for the office unoccupied by a Democrat in the election district affected.
8. Procedures for the final selection of candidates nominated by the Democratic Party will be announced by the Central Executive Committee on or before April 20, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Party shall certify, and the Secretary of the Party shall attest, to the adoption hereof, and a certified copy shall thereafter be released to the news media and posted on the Party website.

Duly adopted by the Central Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of the Northern Mariana Islands, Inc.

Certified by:



Jonathan P. Cabrera
Chair

Attested by:



Melia K. Johnson
Secretary

January 24, 2024