



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

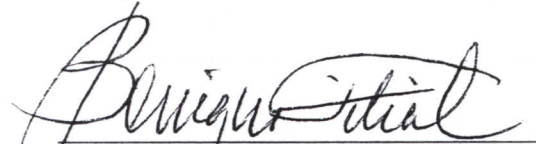
Benigno R. Fitial
Governor

Timothy P. Villagomez
Lieutenant Governor

**Certification Under Section 1607 of
The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:**

Pursuant to Title XVI, section 1607 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Pub L. 111-5 (Feb. 17, 2009)) ("ARRA"), entitled "Additional Funding Distribution and Assistance of Appropriate Use of Funds, I, **Benigno R. Fitial**, the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, hereby certify that:

- 1) The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will request and use funds provided by ARRA; and
- 2) Funds will be used to create employment and promote economic growth.


Benigno R. Fitial
Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Signed this 10th day of March, 2009