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.

Signed this 10th day of March, 2009

Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands