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Governor

**ARNOLD I. PALACIOS**  
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH of the NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**24 FEB 2020**

Honorable Paul A. Manglona  
Chairman, Rota Legislation Delegation  
Twenty-First Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

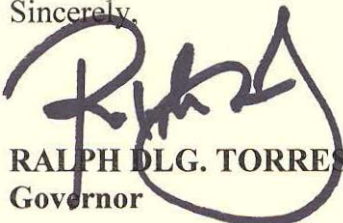
Honorable Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-First Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP. 96950

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law House Local Bill No. 21-17, entitled, "To amend Rota Local Law 20-08, Section 2(q), to reappropriate the \$100,000 for the Rota Island Specialty Crop Association)." Which was passed by the Rota Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Rota Local Law No. 21-2**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,



**RALPH DLG. TORRES**  
Governor

cc: Lt. Governor; Press Secretary; Rota Mayor; Secretary of Finance; Chairman, Rota Municipal Council; Commonwealth Law Revision; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs & Legislative Review



***ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION***  
**TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT**  
P. O. Box 500586  
Saipan, MP 96950

**Senator Paul A. Manglona, Chairman**  
**Representative Donald M. Manglona, Vice Chair**

**Senator Victor B. Hocog, Floor Leader**  
**Senator Teresita A. Santos, Legislative Secretary**

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February 3, 2020

The Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern  
Mariana Islands  
Saipan, MP 96950

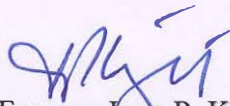
Dear Governor Torres:

I am honored to transmit for your action **House Local Bill No. 21-17**, entitled,

“To amend Rota Local Law 20-08, Section 2(q), to reappropriate the \$100,000 for the Rota Island Specialty Crop Association”

The bill was passed unanimously by the Rota Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-First Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature on First and Final Reading, a quorum duly present, during its 1<sup>st</sup> Day, Third Regular Session held on January 24, 2020.

Respectfully,

  
Frances Joan P. Kaipat  
Delegation Clerk

Enclosures



# ***ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION***

**FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2020**

**HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 21-17**

## **A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT FOR THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To amend Rota Local Law 20-08, Section 2(q), to reappropriate the \$100,000 for the Rota Island Specialty Crop Association.

**Offered by Representative Donald M. Manglona**

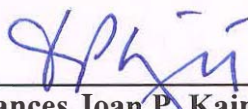
**Introduced on April 29, 2019**

## ***HOUSE ACTION***

**Transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation on April 30, 2019.**

## ***DELEGATION ACTION***

<b>Committee Referral</b>	: None
<b>Standing Committee Report</b>	: None
<b>Comments Solicited</b>	: 4/30/19 [Mayor of Rota - DM 21-22] [Chairman, RMC - DM 21-23]
<b>Comments Received</b>	: None
<b>Passed First &amp; Final Reading</b>	: 01/24/2020

  
**Frances Joan P. Kaipat**  
 Delegation Clerk



**ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION**  
**Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature**  
**First Senatorial District**

**THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2020**

**House Local Bill No. 21-17**

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**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT  
FOR THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To amend Rota Local Law 20-08, Section 2(q), to reappropriate the \$100,000 for the Rota Island Specialty Crop Association.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION PURSUANT TO  
CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2       The Rota Legislative Delegation (Delegation) finds that Rota Local Law 20-08  
3 appropriated \$100,000 for the Afanelos Marianas, Inc. However, the corporation has since  
4 dissolved and a new corporation, Rota Island Specialty Crop Association (RISCA), was  
5 formed. In addition, the Delegation further finds that removing the existing language that  
6 states “provided that any proposed use of the funds for a loan program must be submitted to  
7 the Rota Delegation Chairperson for review and approval by Delegation Resolution” is  
8 appropriate. Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to reappropriate the \$100,000 initially  
9 appropriated for Afanelos Marianas, Inc. and instead give the funds to RISCA.

10 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.**

11       Rota Local Law 20-08, Section 2(q) is amended to read as follows:

12       “(q) \$100,000 for Rota Island Specialty Crop Association to assist the local Rota  
13 fishermen and farmers’ programs under the expenditure authority of the President of the non-  
14 profit corporation. The President shall submit a report describing the fund expenditures within

1 30 days after the end of each quarter until such time all appropriated funds is exhausted.”

2 **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

3 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or  
4 circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this  
5 Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it  
6 is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

7 **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

8 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any  
9 existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule,  
10 regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect  
11 any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not  
12 have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which  
13 shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

14 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

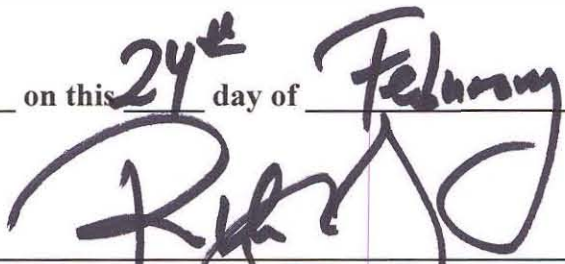
15 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming law  
16 without such approval.

**CERTIFIED BY:**

  
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**PAUL A. MANGLONA**  
Chairman  
Rota Legislative Delegation

  
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**BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO**  
Speaker  
House of Representatives

*Approved* on this *24<sup>th</sup>* day of *February*, 2020.

  
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**RALPH DLG. TORRES**  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands