



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor

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Lieutenant Governor

30 DEC 2016

Honorable John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman, Saipan & Northern Island Legislative Delegation
Nineteenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Honorable Rafael S. Demapan
Speaker, House of Representatives
Nineteenth 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. 19-75, D2, entitled, "To appropriate up to \$3,817,000.00 from revenues anticipated to be collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2, as amended, for fiscal year 2017; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Island Legislative Delegation of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 19-27**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,



RALPH DLG. TORRES

cc: Lt. Governor; Acting Press Secretary; Secretary of Finance; Mayor of Saipan; Mayor of Northern Islands; Mayor of Northern Islands; Saipan Zoning Office; Department of Public Works; Commonwealth Utilities Corporation; Joeten/Kiyu Public Library; SNI Municipal Council; Commonwealth's Law Revision Commission, Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Third Senatorial District
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Senator Sixto K. Igisomar, Vice Chairman Representative John Paul P. Sablan, Chairman
Representative Angel A. Demapan, Floor Leader

December 14, 2016

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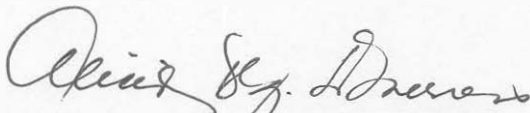
Dear Governor Torres:

I am honored to transmit for your action *House Local Bill No. 19-75, D2*, entitled,

“A Local Appropriation Bill For An Act For The Third Senatorial District
“To appropriate up to \$3,817,000.00 from revenues anticipated to be collected
pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2, as amended, for fiscal year 2017;
and for other purposes.”

This bill was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, by a majority vote of the members, a quorum duly present, on First and Final Reading during its Third Day, Fourth Regular Session 2016 held on December 13, 2016.

Sincerely,


ALICIA DLG. LEON GUERRERO
Delegation Clerk

Enclosures



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
NINETEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 2016**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 19-75, D2

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

To appropriate up to \$3,817,000.00 from revenues anticipated to be collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2, as amended, for fiscal year 2017; and for other purposes.

Offered by

Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, Ralph N. Yumul

on

September 15, 2016

HOUSE ACTION

**Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on
September 19, 2016**

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred To : SNILD Committee on Ways & Means (9/27/16)
**Comments Solicited : Mayor of Saipan; Mayor of Northern Islands;
Chairman, SNI Municipal Council (9/19/16)**
**Comments Received : Mayor of Saipan & Mayor of Northern
Islands (9/26/16)**
Standing Committee Report : None
Passed First & Final Reading : December 13, 2016 (w/D2)

Handwritten signature of Alicia DLG. Leon Guerrero in cursive.

Alicia DLG. Leon Guerrero, Delegation Clerk



SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
Third Senatorial District
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1

OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate local funds from the revenues collected
3 pursuant to Saipan Local Law for various purposes as follows: (a) Up to \$3,817,000.00 from
4 the revenues generated from the poker fees to be collected for fiscal year 2017 pursuant to
5 Saipan Local Law 11-2, as amended.

6 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

7 Notwithstanding any provision of law, statutes, rules or regulations, the Saipan and
8 Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates \$3,817,000.00 of the

1 revenues to be collected for fiscal year 2017 pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2, as amended,
2 as follows:

3 (A) \$3,170,000.00 to Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance (SHEFA),
4 provided however that \$170,000 of the \$3,170,000.00 shall be reserved for SHEFA operations;

5 (B) \$647,000.00 shall be allocated as follows:

6 (1) \$25,000.00 for the Saipan Little League;

7 (2) \$75,000.00 for the Saipan Zoning Office;

8 (3) \$117,000.00 for the Saipan Mayors Office for its operations, the expenditure
9 authority of the funds under Section 2(B) (3) of this Act shall be the Mayor of Saipan;

10 (4) \$25,000.00 for the Office of the Mayor of the Northern Islands for its
11 operations the expenditure authority of the funds under Section 2(B) (4) of this Act
12 shall be the Mayor of the Northern Islands;

13 (5) \$100,000.00 to be equally distributed to each Precinct;

14 (i) Precinct I: \$20,000.00 for the construction of bus stops in DanDan,
15 San Antonio and Koblerville areas, expenditure authority shall be the Secretary
16 of the Department of Public Works or his/her designee;

17 (ii) Precinct II: \$20,000.00 for the repairs of the Pacho Park and
18 drainage systems in Precinct II, expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of
19 the Department of Public Works or his/her designee;

20 (iii) Precinct III: \$20,000.00

1 (a) \$10,000.00 for the construction of a bus stop in China Town,
2 expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of Public
3 Works or his/her designee;

4 (b) \$10,000.00 for the construction of lights for the Garapan
5 basketball court, Oleai basketball court and Gualo Rai basketball court
6 (prepaid meters) under the expenditure authority of the Department of
7 Public Works or his/her designee.

8 (iv) Precinct IV: \$20,000.00 for the removal and construction of the
9 retaining wall in As Matuis and road bumps for Sisonyan Dr., under the
10 expenditure authority of the Secretary of the Department of Public Works or
11 his/her designee.

12 (v) Precinct V: \$20,000.00 for the Kagman IV water system, under the
13 expenditure authority of the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Utilities
14 Corporation (CUC) or his/her designee.

15 (6) \$20,000.00 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
16 operations, the expenditure authority of the funds under Section 2(B) (6) of this Act
17 shall be the SNILD Chairman;

18 (7) \$20,000.00 for the Liberation Day activities, expenditure authority shall be
19 the Mayor of Saipan;

20 (8) \$15,000.00 for the 32nd Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival;

1 (9) \$30,000.00 to assist in the repair and renovations of the of the facilities of
2 the Joeten/Kiyu Public Library, expenditure authority shall be the Chairperson of the
3 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Library Council;

4 (10) \$5,000.00 for the Annual International Fishing Derby;

5 (11) \$38,000.00 for the construction and paving of Obyan Road in Precinct I,
6 expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of Public Works or
7 his/her designee;

8 (12) \$38,000.00 to address the flooding in District 3 in Precinct II;

9 (13) \$38,000.00 for the purchase of a booster pump and necessary materials to
10 complete the water line connection for the residents of Mount Tapochau, expenditure
11 authority shall be the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation or
12 his/her designee;

13 (14) \$38,000.00 for the renovation, upgrade and construction of Capitol Hill
14 softball field (not limited to the lighting) and the newly designated properties for sports
15 facilities in Precinct IV, expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the Department
16 of Public Works or his/her designee;

17 (15) \$38,000.00 for the Drainage System of Nikka PL. in Kagman I and
18 continued road paving of Pine Drive and its lateral roads, expenditure authority shall be
19 the Secretary of the Department of Public Works or his/her designee.

1 (16) \$25,000.00 for the payment of the Stellar Marianas (\$5,000.00); and for
2 the payment of the CNMI Outrigger Canoe participants (\$20,000.00); and the
3 expenditure authority for both shall be the Governor.

4 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

5 The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(A) shall be the SHEFA Board
6 Chairperson in concurrence with the SHEFA Board. The expenditure authority for the funds
7 under Section 2(B)(1), (2), (3), (8), and (10) of this Act shall be the Secretary of Finance.

8 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

9 Funds appropriated under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose.
10 Notwithstanding any provision of law, all capital improvement projects funded under this Act
11 shall be without fiscal year limitation.

12 **SECTION 5. ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.**

13 In the event that the revenue collections do not meet the appropriated amount in this
14 Act, the Secretary of Finance shall allot each program an amount based on the percentage of
15 the programs appropriation proportionately. Furthermore, in the event that the revenue
16 collections exceed appropriated amount the Secretary of Finance shall allot each program the
17 accordingly based on the percentage of the programs appropriation proportionately.

18 **SECTION 6. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.**

19 The Secretary of Finance shall regulate and control the expenditure of the funds
20 appropriated by this Act to ensure that appropriated funds are not expended contrary to the law,
21 fiscal management policies, and practices of the Commonwealth.

1 **SECTION 7. REPORTING.**

2 All entities receiving funds herein shall submit a written report to the Saipan and
3 Northern Islands Legislative Delegation Chairman regarding the disposition of the funds
4 within sixty (60) days of the end of each fiscal year.

5 **SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY.**

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

10 **SECTION 9. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

1 **SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

CERTIFIED BY:

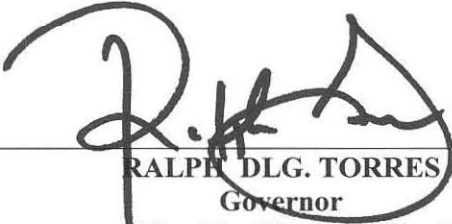


JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN
Chairman
Saipan & Northern Islands
Legislative Delegation



RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN
Speaker
House of Representatives

Approved on this 30th day of December, 2016.



RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands