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COMMONWEALTH of the NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
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The Honorable John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
Twentieth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

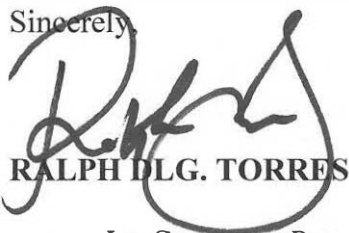
The Honorable Rafael S. Demapan
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twentieth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 20-75, D1**, entitled, "To amend Saipan Local Law 19-19; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 20-27**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,



RALPH DLG. TORRES

cc: Lt. Governor; Press Secretary; Attorney General's Office; Department of Finance; Mayor of Saipan; Indigenous Affairs Office; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



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Third Senatorial District

Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

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Floor Leader

October 22, 2018

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. 20-75, D1*, entitled,

"To amend Saipan Local Law 19-19; and for other purposes."

The bill was passed unanimously by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twentieth Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature on First and Final Reading, a quorum duly present, during its First Day, Fourth Regular Session, 2018 held on October 19, 2018.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cabrera".

Chanele C. Cabrera
Delegation Assistant

Enclosures



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 2018**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 20-75, D1

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

To amend Saipan Local Law 19-19; and for other purposes.

Offered by
Representative Rafael S. Demapan
on
August 8, 2018

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action
on September 20, 2018

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred To : SNILD Ways & Means

Comments Solicited : 9/20/18 - Mayor of Saipan; Mayor of Northern Islands;
Chairman, SNI Municipal Council

Comments Received : 10/9/18 - Mayor of Saipan

Standing Committee Report : None

Passed First & Final Reading : October 19, 2018 [as D1]



Chanele C. Cabrera, Delegation Assistant



SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
Third Senatorial District
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FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 2018

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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. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2 The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation finds that Saipan Local Law 19-
3 19 appropriated Seventy Five Thousand dollars for a feasibility study and architectural and
4 engineering design of the Northern Marianas Cultural Center. However, according to Saipan
5 Local Law 19-19, the Secretary of Finance shall reserve the funds and shall disburse it only upon
6 the request of the entity that is established by law to create, manage, and operate the Northern
7 Marianas Cultural Center. To this date, no such entity has been created by law. The Indigenous
8 Affairs Office is ready and capable to pursue this important endeavor in the interest of promoting
9 the indigenous culture, tradition, tourism and the economy.

10 Therefore, the intent of this Act is to amend Saipan Local Law 19-19 to authorize the
11 Resident Executive of the Indigenous Affairs Office with the expenditure authority to use the

1 appropriated funds for the feasibility study and architectural and engineering design of the
2 Indigenous Cultural Center pursuant to Article III, Section 23(b) of the CNMI Constitution.

3 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.**

4 Section 2(a)(1) of Saipan Local Law 19-19 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 “(a) \$75,000.00 for the feasibility study and architectural and engineering design
6 of the Indigenous Cultural Center pursuant to Article III, Section 23(b) of the CNMI
7 Constitution.

8 (1) The expenditure authority for this fund shall be the Resident Executive of the
9 Indigenous Affairs Office. The Resident Executive of the Indigenous Affairs Office shall
10 ensure that the Indigenous Cultural Center is developed in the interest of promoting the
11 indigenous culture, tradition, tourism and the economy.”

12 **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

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

17 **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

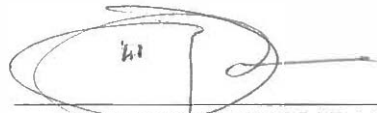
1 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

CERTIFIED BY:

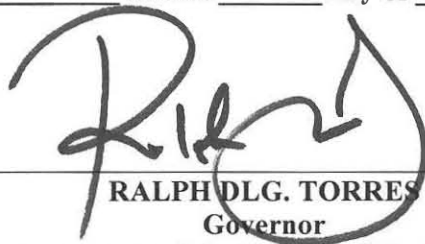


JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN
Chairman
Saipan & Northern Islands
Legislative Delegation



RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN
Speaker
House of Representatives

Approved on this 9th day of November, 2018.



RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands