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Governor

ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH of the NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

19 JUL 2019

The Honorable John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
Twenty-First Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The 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. 21-24, D1**, entitled, "To appropriate \$1,962,001.00 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended for Fiscal Year 2019; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 21-5**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Acting Governor

cc: Governor; Secretary of Finance; SHEFA; Saipan Zoning Office; Mayor of Saipan; Saipan and Northern Islands Mayor; Northern Marianas College; Public School System; Commissioner of Education; Department of Lands and Natural Resources; Office of Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation

Third Senatorial District

Twenty-First Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature

P. O. Box 500586

Saipan, MP 96950

Representative John Paul P. Sablan, Chairman

Representative Roman C. Benavente, Vice Chairman

Senator Vinnie F. Sablan, Floor Leader

July 16, 2019

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. 21-24, D1***, entitled,

"To appropriate \$1,962,001.00 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended for Fiscal Year 2019; and for other purposes."

The bill was passed unanimously by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-First Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature on First and Final Reading, a quorum duly present, during its First Day, Third Special Session, 2019 held on July 15, 2019.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chanele C. Cabrera".

Chanele C. Cabrera
Delegation Assistant

Enclosures



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
THIRD SPECIAL SESSION, 2019**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 21-24, D1

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

To appropriate \$1,962,001.00 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended for Fiscal Year 2019; and for other purposes.

Offered by

Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Luis John Dlg. Castro, Joel C. Camacho, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus, Richard T. Lizama, Janet U. Maratita, John Paul P. Sablan, Christina Marie E. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez and Ralph N. Yumul

on

June 27, 2019

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on July 1, 2019

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred To	:	None
Comments Solicited	:	Mayor of Saipan; Mayor of Northern Islands; Chairman, SNI Municipal Council (7/1/19)
Comments Received	:	None
Standing Committee Report	:	None
Passed First & Final Reading	:	July 15, 2019 [as D1]


Chanele C. Cabrera, Acting Delegation Clerk



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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 11-2 (poker fees) for Fiscal Year 2019.

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

5 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary
6 and pursuant to funds allocated under Public Law 20-10 the Saipan and Northern Islands
7 Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates \$1,962,001.00 of the revenues collected
8 for fiscal year 2019 pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended as follows:

9 (A) \$470,001.00 to Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance (SHEFA), provided
10 however that \$250,000 of the \$470,001.00 shall be reserved for SHEFA personnel and
11 operations, the expenditure authority under 2(A) shall be the SHEFA Board Chairperson in
12 concurrence with the SHEFA Board.

1 (B) \$1,492,000.00 shall be allocated as follows:

2 (1) \$10,000.00 for the Saipan Little League;

3 (2) \$180,000.00 for the Saipan Zoning Office for its operations and for the
4 procurement of a vehicle; expenditure authority shall be the Administrator of the
5 Saipan Zoning Office or his/her designee in consultation with the Board;

6 (3) \$400,000.00 for the Office of the Mayor for its operations inclusive of the
7 purchase of a 10 CY Truck and new vehicle and the payment of arrears, the expenditure
8 authority shall be the Mayor of Saipan or his/her designee;

9 (4) \$83,000.00 for the Office of the Mayor of the Northern Islands for its
10 operations, expenditure authority shall be the Mayor of the Northern Islands or his/her
11 designee;

12 (5) \$39,000.00 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council for the
13 purchase of a vehicle, expenditure authority shall be the Chairperson of the Saipan and
14 Northern Islands Municipal Council or his/her designee;

15 (6) \$500,000.00 for the Northern Marianas College for its personnel cost for
16 employees from the Third Senatorial District, expenditure authority shall be the
17 President of the Northern Marianas College or his/her designee;

18 (7) \$250,000.00 to the Public School System for its expenditures within the
19 Third Senatorial District, expenditure authority shall be the Commissioner of Education
20 or his/her designee;

21 (8) \$7,000.00 to the Fisherman's Association for the 35th Annual Saipan
22 International Fishing Derby; and

23 (9) \$23,000.00 for the Annual Saipan Agricultural Fair.

1 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

2 The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2 unless specified of this Act
3 shall be the Secretary of Finance.

4 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

5 Funds appropriated under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose and
6 notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under this Act shall be without
7 fiscal year limitation.

8 **SECTION 5. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.**

9 (A) The Secretary of Finance shall regulate and control the expenditure of the funds
10 appropriated by this Act to ensure that appropriated funds are not expended contrary to the law,
11 fiscal management policies, and practices of the Commonwealth.

12 **SECTION 6. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

13 Expenditures of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be responsible to
14 report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance by the end of the 2019
15 calendar year. Provided further that failure to provide all expenses entities that were afforded
16 funds under this Act shall not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated by the Saipan
17 and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

18 **SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.**

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


1 **SECTION 8. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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


8 **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

CERTIFIED BY:




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



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

approved on this 19th day of July, 2019.



ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
ACTING GOVERNOR
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands