

RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor



ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH of the NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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The Honorable Roman C. Benavente
Acting Chairman
Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
Twenty-First Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable John Paul P. Sablan
Acting Speaker
House of Representatives
Twenty-First Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
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Dear Mr. Acting Chairman and Mr. Acting Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 21-28, S1, D6** entitled, "To appropriate the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) from the Exclusive Gaming Annual License Fees allotted to the Third Senatorial District; 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. 21-10**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph DLG. Torres".

RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor

cc: Lt. Governor; Press Secretary; Secretary of Finance; Commonwealth Law Revision;
Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs & Legislative Review



Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
Third Senatorial District
Twenty-First Northern Marianas 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

September 18, 2019

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

Dear Governor Torres:

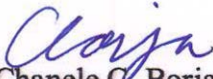
I am honored to transmit for your action **House Local Bill No. 21-28, S1, D6**, entitled,

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

"To appropriate the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) from the Exclusive Gaming Annual License Fees allotted to the Third Senatorial District; 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 Second Day, Second Regular Session, 2019 held on September 16, 2019.

Respectfully,


Chanele C. Borja
Acting Delegation Clerk

Enclosures



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

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FOR THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

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Offered by

Representatives Ivan A. Blanco, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Joel C. Camacho, Luis John DLG. Castro, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus and John Paul P. Sablan.

on

September 6, 2019

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on
September 9, 2019

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred To	:	None
Comments Solicited	:	Mayor of Saipan; Mayor of Northern Islands; Chairman, SNI Municipal Council (9/11/19)
Comments Received	:	Mayor of Saipan; [9/3/19 - ref. Mayor's Comm. 21-19] Mayor of Northern Islands [9/16/19 - ref. Mayor's Comm. 21-20]
Standing Committee Report	:	None
Passed First & Final Reading	:	September 16, 2019 [as S1, D6]

Chanele C. Borja, Acting Delegation Clerk



SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
Third Senatorial District
Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2019

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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 the sum of Three Million Dollars
3 (\$3,000,000.00) from the Exclusive Gaming Annual License Fees allotted to the Third
4 Senatorial District.

5 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws or regulations to the contrary, the
7 Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates the sum of Three
8 Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) from the Exclusive Gaming Annual License Fees allotted to
9 the Third Senatorial District as follows:

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| 10 | (1) SHEFA | \$500,000.00 |
| 11 | (2) Saipan Mayor's Office | \$250,000.00 |

12 The expenditure authority shall be the Mayor of Saipan.

- 1 (3) Northern Islands Mayor's Office \$50,000.00
2 The expenditure authority shall be the Mayor of the Northern Islands.
- 3 (4) The Center for Living Independently \$94,000.00
4 The expenditure authority shall be the Executive Director.
- 5 (5) Saipan Northern Islands Delegation (operations) \$200,000.00
6 The expenditure shall be the Chairman of the Delegation.
- 7 (6) Joeten-Kiyu Public Library \$32,375.00
8 For the 29th Annual Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives and
9 Museums (PIALA) Conference. The expenditure authority shall be the
10 Secretary of Finance.
- 11 (7) Carolinian Affairs Office \$21,595.00
12 For the purchase of an office vehicle for the office. The expenditure authority
13 shall be the Executive Assistant for the Carolinian Affairs Office.
- 14 (8) Indigenous Affairs Office \$26,400.00
15 For the 3rd Annual Indigenous Cultural Expo. The expenditure authority shall be
16 the Resident Executive of the Indigenous Affairs.
- 17 (9) Family Violence Task Force \$15,000.00
18 The expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of Finance.
- 19 (10) Association of Pacific Islands Legislatures (APIL) \$20,630.00
20 To be held on Saipan in December 2019, the expenditure authority shall be the
21 Speaker of the House of Representatives
- 22 (11) Micronesian Legal Services Corporation \$55,000.00
23 The expenditure authority shall be the Executive Director. (Note: \$30,000.00 of

1 the \$55,000.00 comes from the \$300,000.00 allotted to Precinct I at subsection
2 17.)

3 (12) Northern Marianas Athletics \$100,000.00

4 The expenditure authority shall be the President of the NMA Association.

5 (13) Saipan Baseball League \$20,000.00

6 The expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of Finance.

7 (14) 2019 Mariana Islands Fishing and Seafood Festival \$25,000.00

8 The expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of Finance.

9 (15) Public Defenders Office \$90,000.00

10 The expenditure authority shall be the Chief Public Defender.

11 (16) Northern Mariana Islands Museum \$30,000.00

12 The expenditure authority shall be the Executive Director of the Museum.

13 (17) Various Projects in Precinct I \$300,000.00

14 (a) For the immediate repairs of the following schools such as classrooms,
15 libraries and other repairs deemed critical and for student operations and/or
16 for the payment of the 10% FEMA matching for the following schools, the
17 funds, (less those appropriated by section 2, subsection (11)) shall be
18 allocated as follows:

19 1. Hopwood Middle School: \$50,000.00

20 2. Saipan Southern High School: \$50,000.00

21 3. San Vicente Elementary School: \$50,000.00

22 4. Dandan Middle School: \$35,000.00

23 5. Koblerville Elementary School: \$50,000.00

1 6. Francisco M. Sablan Middle School: \$35,000.00

2 The expenditure authority shall be the Commissioner of Education.

3 (18) Various Projects in Precinct II \$300,000.00

4 (a) \$150,000.00 for the repair, reconstruction, and rebuilding of facilities at
5 William S. Reyes Elementary School, which may be used for the 10%
6 FEMA matching requirement; the expenditure authority shall be the
7 Commissioner of Education of the CNMI Public School System or his/her
8 designee.

9 (b) \$150,000.00 for the repair, reconstruction, and rebuilding of facilities at
10 Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School, which may be used for the
11 10% FEMA matching requirement; the expenditure authority shall be the
12 Commissioner of Education of the CNMI Public School System or his/her
13 designee.

14 (19) Various Projects in Precinct III \$300,000.00

15 (a) \$150,000.00 for the Oleai Church road ongoing project. The expenditure
16 authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of Public Works;

17 (b) \$150,000.00 for Industrial Drive. The expenditure authority shall be the
18 Secretary of the Department of Public Works.

19 (20) Various Projects in Precinct IV \$300,000.00

20 (a) \$200,000.00 for the construction of Roads and Drainage within Precinct IV
21 to include sidewalks, crosswalks, speed bumps, road, children’s playgrounds
22 and traffic signage. The expenditure authority of these funds shall be the
23 Secretary of the Department of Public Works.

- 1 (b) \$25,000.00 for the Kagman High School operations. The expenditure
2 authority shall be the Commissioner of Education of the CNMI Public
3 School System in consultation with the Principal or his/her designee; and
- 4 (c) \$25,000.00 for Tanapag Middle School operations, expenditure authority
5 shall be the Commissioner of Education of the CNMI Public School System
6 in consultation with the Principal or his/her designee;
- 7 (d) \$20,000.00 for Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School operations,
8 expenditure authority shall be the Commissioner of Education of the CNMI
9 Public School System in consultation with the Principal or his/her designee;
10 and
- 11 (e) \$5,000.00 to be used for 10% FEMA matching funds for the G.T.C.
12 Elementary School. The expenditure authority shall be the Commissioner of
13 Education of the CNMI Public School System in consultation with the
14 Principal or his/her designee.
- 15 (f) \$25,000.00 for Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School operations for
16 repair, reconstruction, and rebuilding. The expenditure authority shall be the
17 Commissioner of Education of the CNMI Public School System or his/her
18 designee.
- 19 (21) Various Projects in Precinct V \$300,000.00
- 20 (a) \$225,000.00 for the completion of the paving of Tangang Tangang Road in
21 Papago and paving of Kama Street in Kagman III in Precinct V. The
22 expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of Public
23 Works.

1 (b) \$25,000.00 for Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School for the repair,
2 reconstruction, and rebuilding of facilities. The expenditure authority shall
3 be the Commissioner of Education of the CNMI Public School System or
4 his/her designee.

5 (c) \$25,000.00 for Chacha Oceanview Middle School for repair, reconstruction,
6 and rebuilding of facilities and for operations. The expenditure authority
7 shall be the Commissioner of Education of the CNMI Public School System
8 or his/her designee.

9 (d) \$25,000.00 for Kagman Elementary School for the repair, reconstruction,
10 and rebuilding of facilities and for operations. The expenditure authority
11 shall be the Commissioner of Education of the CNMI Public School System
12 or his/her designee.

13 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

14 Unless specified under Section 2 of this Act, for the funds appropriated under Section 2 of
15 this Act, the expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of Finance.

16 **SECTION 4. REPORTING.**

17 The expenditure authorities shall submit to the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern
18 Islands Legislative Delegation a detailed report showing the expenditure of the funds at the
19 completion of appropriations in Section 2 of this Act.

20 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

21 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or
22 circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this

1 Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it
2 is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

3 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

10 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

CERTIFIED BY:



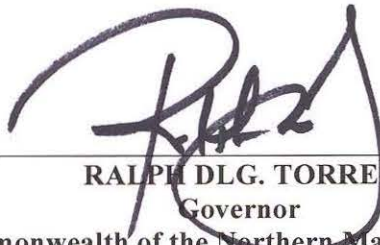
ROMAN C. BENAVENTE
Acting Chairman
Saipan & Northern Islands
Legislative Delegation



JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN
Acting Speaker
House of Representatives



on this 3rd day of October, 2019.



RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands