

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 05-06

SUBJECT: 2004 Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code

AUTHORITY: CNMI Constitution, Article III; 1 CMC § 3803(c) and 1 CMC § 9103(a).

WHEREAS, 1 CMC § 3803(c) and 1 CMC § 9103(a) authorize the Law Revision Commission, in consultation with the Attorney General, to produce, publish and periodically revise a Commonwealth administrative code consisting of Commonwealth administrative rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, since 1978, the Office of the Attorney General has published the rules and regulations of Commonwealth agencies in the *Commonwealth Register* pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC §§ 9101-9115; and

WHEREAS, the Law Revision Commission has compiled a comprehensive, codified version of such rules and regulations, current through December 31, 2004, which shall be published as the first-ever Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, the Law Revision Commission has consulted with each individual agency and with the Attorney General both in meetings of the Commission members and by providing drafts of the on-going administrative code project; and


WHEREAS, the Law Revision Commission intends to continue to update the administrative code as agencies promulgate new rules and regulations and amend existing rules and regulations pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act; and

WHEREAS, the lack of a compiled version of the rules and regulations in effect in the Commonwealth makes it difficult for the government and the public to determine what rules and regulations are currently in effect;

NOW THEREFORE, in order to improve the accessibility and clarity of rules and regulations promulgated by Commonwealth agencies, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

That the 2004 Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code and all future updates thereof prepared by the Law Revision Commission shall be the official source of administrative rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act in the Commonwealth and shall be prima facie evidence of the rules and regulations contained therein.

DONE this 13th day of December, 2005.


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Governor