

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To declare Good Friday a Commonwealth Government holiday, to delete the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. as government holiday and to amend 1 CMC Section 311 and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

1 Section 1. Short Title. This Act may be cited as the Government
2 Holiday Amendment Act of 1986.

3 Section 2. Purpose. This act will provide that Good Friday, will
4 be a government holiday. The third Monday in January the Birthday of
5 Martin Luther King, Jr. will not be observed as a legal holiday in the
6 Commonwealth. The Legislature finds that Good Friday has more cultural
7 significance to the people of the Northern Marianas than the birthday of
8 Martin Luther King, Jr. In addition, most employees currently take leave
9 on Good Friday to attend religious services, resulting in the loss of an
10 additional work day to employers.

11 Section 3. Designation of Legal Holiday. The day known as Good
12 Friday, is hereby declared a legal holiday in the Commonwealth.

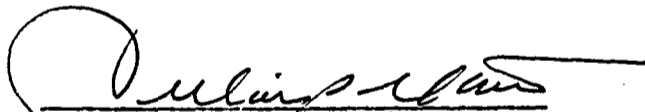
13 Section 4. Conforming Amendment. 1 CMC Section 311, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 "Section 311. Legal Holidays. The following days of each year
16 are hereby declared as legal holidays within the Commonwealth:

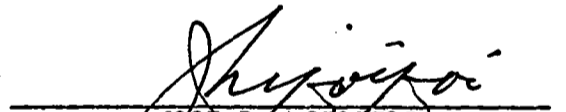
17	New Year's Day	January 1
18	Commonwealth Day	January 9
19	President's Day	Third Monday in February

1	Covenant Day	March 24
2	Good Friday	As Designated in the
3		Annual Calendar
4	Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
5	Independence Day	July 4
6	Labor Day	First Monday in September
7	Columbus Day	Second Monday in October
8	Veteran's Day	November 11
9	Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
10	Constitution Day	December 8
11	Christmas Day	December 25

12 Section 5. Effective Date. This Act shall become effective upon
13 its approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such
14 approval.



JULIAN S. CALVO
President




JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Speaker, House of Representatives

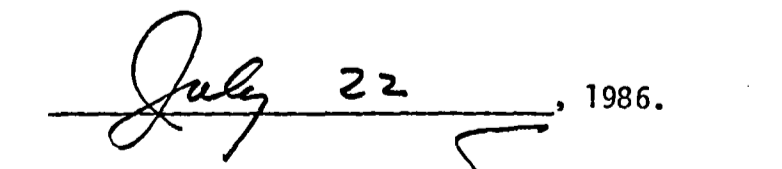
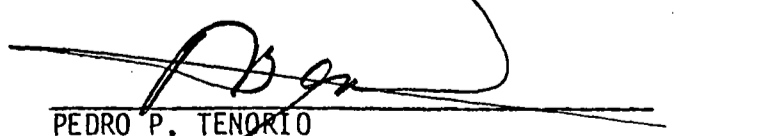
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MANUEL P. VILLAGOMEZ
Senate Legislative Secretary



FRANCES P. SABLAN
Chief, House Clerk


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PEDRO P. TENORIO
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands