

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1986

## AN ACT

To declare November 4 of each year as a legal holiday to be known as Citizenship Day, in recognition of the fact that on that day in 1986 the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America goes into full force and effect and the people of the Northern Mariana Islands become citizens or nationals of the United States, thereby realizing the aspiration of nearly forty years for political self-determination, to repeal and reenact Section 311 of Title 1 of the Commonwealth Code, as amended, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FIFTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1           Section 1. Findings. The Legislature finds that November 4 of  
2 1986 will be an historic occasion that should be commemorated annually  
3 as holiday. On that day, nearly forty years of aspiration by the people  
4 of the Northern Mariana Islands to join the American political family as  
5 a self-governing Commonwealth, become citizens or nationals of the United  
6 States, and end 400 years of foreign domination will finally be realized.  
7 This is an event that has been long-awaited and cause for Commonwealth-  
8 wide celebration.

9           Section 2. Designation of Legal Holiday. The fourth day of  
10 November of each year is hereby declared a legal holiday in the  
11 Commonwealth, to be known as Citizenship Day.


12           Section 3. Repeal and Reenactment. Section 311 of Article 1 of  
13 Chapter 3 of the General Provisions of Title 1 of the Commonwealth Code,  
14 as amended, is repealed and reenacted as follows:

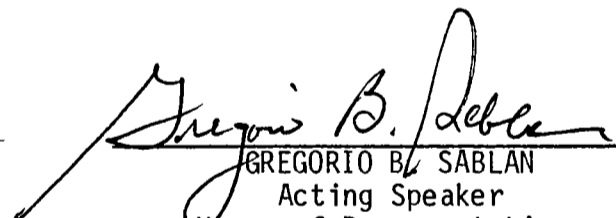
1        "§311. Legal Holidays.


2        The following days of each year are hereby declared as legal  
3 holidays within the Commonwealth:

4	New Years Day	January 1
5	Commonwealth Day	January 9
6	President's Day	Third Monday in February
7	Covenant Day	March 24
8	Good Friday	As Designated in the Annual Calendar
9	Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
10	Independence Day	July 4
11	Labor Day	First Monday in September
12	Columbus Day	Second Monday in October
13	Citizenship Day	November 4
14	Veteran's Day	November 11
15	Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
16	Constitution Day	December 8
17	Christmas Day	December 25"

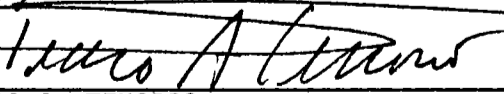
18        Section 4. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its  
19 approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

  
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JOSE P. MAFNAS  
Acting President of the Senate

  
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GREGORIO B. SABLAN  
Acting Speaker  
House of Representatives

  
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MANUEL P. VILLAGOMEZ  
Senate Legislative Secretary

ATTEST:  
  
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FRANCES P. SABLAN  
House Clerk

APPROVED NOV. 3, 1986  
  
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PEDRO A. TENORIO  
Acting Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands