

**ELEVENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

PUBLIC LAW NO. 11-47
SENATE BILL
NO. 11-81

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1998

AN ACT

To vacate §§ 204 and 303(a) of Executive Order 94-3 to return the Executive Assistance for Carolinian Affairs, Special Assistant for Women's Affairs, and Resident Executive for Indigenous Affairs to the Office of the Governor and to place the Criminal Justice Planning Agency, Youth Advisory Council, and the Council for the Improvement of the Criminal Justice System within the Office of the Governor; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE ELEVENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS
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Section 1. Findings. The Legislature finds that the re-organization of the government pursuant to Executive Order 94-3, § 204 ("E.O. 94-3") unnecessarily and unconstitutionally removed constitutional officers from the Office of the Governor. The Legislature further finds that E.O. 94-3, § 303(a) placement of the Criminal Justice Planning Agency (CJPA), Youth Advisory Council and the Council for the Improvement of the Criminal Justice System within the Department of Public Safety does not advance realization of, and is inconsistent with, their respective mission and duties. of these entities and thus, it is in the public interest for them to be placed within the Office of the Governor. The Legislature intends that this Act shall repeal each and every section of E.O. 94-3 which affect in any manner whatsoever the functions, locations, and duties of the Executive Assistant for Carolinian Affairs, Special Assistant for Women's Affairs; and Resident Executive for Indigenous Affairs as well as CJPA, Youth Advisory Council and the Council for the Improvement of the Criminal Justice System.

Therefore, it is the purpose of this Act that these agencies, officers, and councils shall be considered as part of the Office of the Governor.

Section 2. Repealed. E.O. 94-3 §§ 203 and 303(a) and 401 are hereby vacated in their entirety.

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Section 3. Placement in the Office of the Governor. The following officers, offices, agencies and councils shall be considered as part of the Office of the Governor and any funds, records, property and personnel transferred pursuant to §§ 503, 504, and 505 shall revert to the respective officer, council, and agency which retained control prior to the enactment of E.O. 94-3:

Executive Assistant for Carolinian Affairs;
Special Assistant for Women's Affairs;
Resident Executive for Indigenous Affairs;
Criminal Justice Planning Agency;
Youth Advisory Council; and
Council for the Improvement of the Criminal Justice System.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

Section 5. Effective Date. This bill shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Paul A. Manglona
PAUL A. MANGLONA
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

/s/ Edward U. Maratita
EDWARD U. MARATITA
SENATE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY

Approved this 20th day of November, 1998.

/s/ Pedro P. Tenorio
PEDRO P. TENORIO
GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS