



**COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**Ralph DLG. Torres**  
Governor

**Victor B. Hocog**  
Lieutenant Governor

**26 JUL 2016**

Honorable Rafael S. Demapan  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Nineteenth Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

Honorable Francisco M. Borja  
Senate President, The Senate  
Nineteenth Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law House Bill No. 19-106, entitled, "To rename the San Antonio Middle School (SAMS) to "Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School"; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 19-55**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

  
VICTOR B. HOCOG  
Acting Governor

cc: Governor; Press Secretary; Attorney General's Office; Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Resources; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



*Nineteenth Legislature  
of the  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands*  
**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Second Regular Session**

**October 27, 2015**

**Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero**, of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*), in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

**H. B. No. 19-106**

**AN ACT**

**TO RENAME THE SAN ANTONIO MIDDLE SCHOOL (SAMS) TO  
"FRANCISCO MENDIOLA SABLAN MIDDLE SCHOOL"; AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Bill was referred to the House Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, which submitted Standing Committee Report 19-100; adopted March 29, 2016.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON  
FIRST AND FINAL READING, MARCH 29, 2016;  
without amendments and transmitted to the  
THE SENATE.**

The Bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Education and Youth Affairs, which submitted Standing Committee Report 19-91; adopted June 24, 2016.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, JUNE 24, 2016;  
without amendments and was returned to  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

**THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON MARCH 29, 2016.**

  
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**Linda B. Muña, House Clerk**



# *House of Representatives*

19<sup>th</sup> NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
P.O. BOX 500586  
SAIPAN, MP 96950  
Public Law No. 19-55

June 29, 2016

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

Dear Governor Torres:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith for your action **H. B. No. 19-106**, entitled: "To rename the San Antonio Middle School (SAMS) to "Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School"; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Muña".

Linda B. Muña  
House Clerk

Attachment



*Nineteenth Legislature*  
*of the*  
*Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands*  
**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Sixth Day, Third Regular Session

March 29, 2016

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**H. B. No. 19-106**

**AN ACT**

**TO RENAME THE SAN ANTONIO MIDDLE SCHOOL (SAMS) TO  
“FRANCISCO MENDIOLA SABLAN MIDDLE SCHOOL”; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.**

**Be it enacted by the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth  
Legislature:**

1       **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that Mr. Francisco  
2 Mendiola Sablan’s esteemed working career has benefitted the entire Commonwealth, most  
3 especially the residents and community of San Antonio Village. Upon the opening of San  
4 Antonio Elementary School, Mr. Sablan served as its Principal from 1971 to 1985. The  
5 Delegation further finds that prior to serving as San Antonio Elementary School’s Principal;  
6 he served as a Congressman in the Mariana Islands Legislative District. Mr. Sablan spent  
7 majority of his professional career in the education field. The renaming the San Antonio  
8 Middle School, formerly San Antonio Elementary School, is to honor Francisco Mendiola  
9 Sablan for his years of service in the education field, and for serving as the school’s first  
10 principal.

1           The purpose of this Act is to rename San Antonio Middle School to “Francisco  
2 Mendiola Sablan Middle School”.

3           **Section 2. Enactment.** Subject to codification by the CNMI Law Revision  
4 Commission, the following provision is hereby enacted:

5                   “§101. The San Antonio Middle School shall be named the “Francisco  
6 Mendiola Sablan Middle School”. The Public School System shall install a new sign  
7 bearing the new name which shall be prominently and permanently attached to the  
8 main building or affixed at the main entrance of the campus, and the height of the  
9 letters shall not be less than ten inches.”

10           **Section 3. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of any such  
11 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent  
12 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or  
13 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

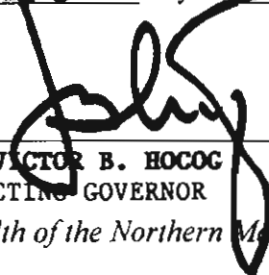
14           **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be  
15 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes  
16 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers  
17 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law.  
18 The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying,  
19 any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act  
20 becomes effective.

1           **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the  
2 Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

Attested to by:   
Linda B. Muña, House Clerk

Certified by:   
SPEAKER RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN  
House of Representatives  
19<sup>th</sup> Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

**APPROVED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016

  
VICTOR B. HOCOG  
ACTING GOVERNOR  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands