

RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor



VICTOR B. HOCOG
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH of the NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

11 MAY 2018

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

The Honorable Arnold I. Palacios
Senate President, The Senate
Twentieth 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. 20-29, HD1, SD2 entitled, "To appropriate nine hundred thirty-one thousand, three hundred forty dollars (\$931,340) from the Cancer Fund Special Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §1402(g)(2), to support and expand cancer awareness, detection and prevention programs and to appropriate four hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$485,000) from the Second Senatorial District's Solid Waste Revolving account for the payment to Docomo Pacific, Inc.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 20-58**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

RALPH DLG. TORRES

cc: Lt. Governor; Press Secretary; Attorney General's Office; Secretary of Finance; Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, CNMI Office of Medical Referral; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



House of Representatives

20th NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
P.O. BOX 500586
SAIPAN, MP 96950

April 27, 2018

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. 20-29, HD1, SD2**, entitled: "To appropriate nine hundred thirty-one thousand, three hundred forty dollars (\$931,340) from the Cancer Fund Special Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §1402(g)(2), to support and expand cancer awareness, detection and prevention programs and to appropriate four hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$485,000) from the Second Senatorial District's Solid Waste Revolving account for the payment to Docomo Pacific, Inc.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,



Linda B. Muña
House Clerk

Attachment



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

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 31, 2017

REPRESENTATIVE ANGEL A. DEMAPAN 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. 20-29, HD1, SD2

AN ACT

TO APPROPRIATE NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$931,340) FROM THE CANCER FUND SPECIAL ACCOUNT, EARMARKED UNDER 4 CMC §1402(G)(2), TO SUPPORT AND EXPAND CANCER AWARENESS, DETECTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND TO APPROPRIATE FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$485,000) FROM THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT'S SOLID WASTE REVOLVING ACCOUNT FOR THE PAYMENT TO DOCOMO PACIFIC, INC.

The Bill was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means, which submitted Standing Committee Report 20-93; adopted 1/31/18.

THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, JANUARY 31, 2018;
with amendments in the form of H. B. No. 20-29, HD1 and transmitted to the
THE SENATE.

The Bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs.
THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, FEBRUARY 22, 2018;
with amendments in the form of H. B. No. 20-29, HD1, SD2.

H. B. NO. 20-29, HD1, SD2, WAS RETURNED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FEBRUARY 22, 2018.

The Bill was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means, which submitted Standing Committee Report No. 20-113; adopted 4/24/18.

The House of Representatives accepted the Senate amendments and passed H. B. No. 20-29, HD1, SD2, during its 1st Day, First Special Session on April 24, 2018.

THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON APRIL 24, 2018.



Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



*Twentieth Legislature
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIRST DAY, FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

APRIL 24, 2018

H. B. No. 20-29, HD1, SD2

AN ACT

TO APPROPRIATE NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$931,340) FROM THE CANCER FUND SPECIAL ACCOUNT, EARMARKED UNDER 4 CMC §1402(G)(2), TO SUPPORT AND EXPAND CANCER AWARENESS, DETECTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND TO APPROPRIATE FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$485,000) FROM THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT'S SOLID WASTE REVOLVING ACCOUNT FOR THE PAYMENT TO DOCOMO PACIFIC, INC.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that the Commonwealth
2 Healthcare Corporation Dental Clinic (CHCC Dental Clinic) and the Commonwealth Cancer
3 Association require funding for the provision of patient directed services, prevention care,
4 treatment, diagnosis and other related services.

5 The CHCC Dental Clinic is the only public health dental clinic in the CNMI. The
6 clinic addresses several focus areas including: 1) Integrating oral & primary care medical
7 delivery systems; 2) Community-based prevention services programs for underserved
8 population; and 3) Programs to establish or expand oral health services.

9 The Legislature further finds that oral cancer screenings are provided to all patients

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1 seen at the CHCC Dental Clinic in response to the high rate of oral cancer in the CNMI.
2 Studies show that early detection of cancer and precancerous tissue result in better treatment
3 outcomes. Therefore, it is vital that our community is able to access oral health services and
4 be provided the much-needed education regarding oral cancer prevention and detection.

5 The Legislature recognizes that Commonwealth Cancer Association (CCA) promotes
6 cancer awareness and prevention, provides patient support services, and advocates for cancer
7 issues in the Commonwealth. Therefore, it is just as vital to ensure that our community is
8 afforded with the resources and support needed to increase awareness and support services to
9 battle this deadly disease.

10 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate nine hundred thirty-one thousand, three
11 hundred forty dollars (\$931,340) from the Cancer Fund Special Account, earmarked under
12 4 CMC §1402 (g) (2), to support and expand oral cancer awareness, detection and prevention
13 programs conducted by the CHCC Dental Clinic and the Commonwealth Cancer Association
14 respectively.

15 **Section 2. Appropriation.** Notwithstanding any laws, statutes, provisions or
16 regulations to the contrary, nine hundred thirty-one thousand, three hundred forty dollars
17 (\$931,340) from funds earmarked to the Cancer Fund Special Account is hereby appropriated
18 as follows:

19 (a) One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to the Commonwealth
20 Healthcare Corporation for the operations of the Division of Public Health Services'
21 Dental Clinic Program. The Chief Executive Officer of the CHCC shall be the
22 expenditure authority for the funds appropriated under this section.

23 (1) Provided that the funds appropriated under this subsection, twenty-
24 five thousand dollars (\$25,000) shall go to the Second Senatorial District for
25 Public Health Services' Dental Clinic Program and medical referrals to Saipan
26 for dental services. The Resident Director of the Tinian Health Center shall be
27 the expenditure authority for the funds appropriated under this subsection; and

28 (2) Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) shall go to the
29 First Senatorial District for Public Health Services' Dental Clinic Program and

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1 medical referrals to Saipan for dental services. The Resident Director of the
2 Rota Health Center shall be the expenditure authority for the funds
3 appropriated under this subsection.

4 (b) Three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) to the Commonwealth
5 Cancer Association to support its patient support services.

6 (1) Provided that, of the funds appropriated under this section,
7 fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) shall be allocated for inter-island medical
8 referral patient air transportation services in the First Senatorial District; and

9 (2) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) shall be allocated for services in
10 the Second Senatorial District: as follows:

11 (A) Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) shall be used by the
12 Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan for Inter-island Medical Referral
13 Supplemental Assistance;

14 (B) Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) shall be used for the
15 Voices of the CNMI, Tinian Chapter's awareness campaign, and other
16 programs related to the organization's mission and objectives;

17 (C) Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) shall be used to
18 supplement Team CHADIC (Cancer, HIV, Aids & Diabetes Illness
19 Coalition) for awareness campaign, and other programs related to the
20 organization's mission and objectives;

21 (D) The Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan, in consultation with
22 President or Chairperson of the respective organizations shall be the
23 expenditure authority for the funds appropriated under this subsection;
24 and

25 (E) The respective organizations receiving funds under this
26 subsection shall provide a report describing the expenditure of the
27 funds within 30 days after the entire funds are expended.

28 (c) Two hundred eighty-one thousand, three hundred forty dollars (\$281,340)
29 shall be used for the CNMI Medical Referral stipends for patients and escorts on

1 medical referrals outside of the Commonwealth. The expenditure authority shall be
2 the Director of the CNMI Medical Referral Office.

3 (d) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) shall be used for Rota and
4 Tinian Inter-Island Medical Referral patient's lodging accommodations. The
5 expenditure authority shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Commonwealth
6 Healthcare Corporation.

7 (e) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) shall be used for the Commonwealth
8 Healthcare Corporation's Betelnut Cessation Program. The expenditure authority
9 shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation.

10 **Section 3. Appropriation.** Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, four hundred
11 eighty-five thousand dollars (\$485,000) from the Second Senatorial District's Solid Waste
12 Management Revolving Fund shall be used to pay Docomo Pacific, Inc. as the CNMI
13 Government's cost share for the installation and operation of a new fiber network on Tinian
14 as referenced in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the CNMI
15 and Docomo Pacific, Inc dated March 10, 2016.

16 **Section 4. Reprogramming.** Notwithstanding any laws, provisions or regulations to
17 the contrary, funds appropriated under this Act shall not be reprogrammed for any other
18 purpose.

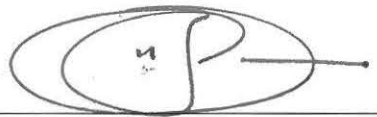
19 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of any such
20 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
21 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
22 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

23 **Section 6. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
24 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
25 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers
26 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law.
27 The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying,
28 any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act
29 becomes effective.

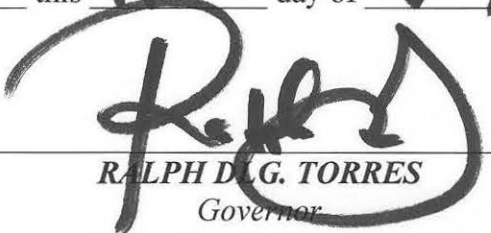
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1 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
2 Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

Attested to by: 
Linda B. Muña, House Clerk

Certified by: 
SPEAKER RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN
House of Representatives
20th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Approval this *11th* day of *May*, 2018


RALPH D.G. TORRES
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands