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§ 234. Commonwealth Anthem.

“Gi Talo Gi Halom Tasi” and “Satil Matawal Pacifico” are hereby declared to be the official anthem of the Commonwealth. The anthem shall be presented at the beginning of all official government ceremonies in the Commonwealth by voice or recording. The official version of “Gi Talo Gi Halom Tasi” and “Satil Matawal Pacifico” are as follows:

Chamorro Version

Gi talo' gi halom tasi
Nai gaige tano' ho
Ayo nai siempre hu saga
Malago' ho
Ya un dia bai u hanao
Bai fatto ha' ta'lo
Tisiña hao hu dingo
O tano' ho

Chorus:

Mit beses yan mas
Hu saluda hao
Gatbo na Islas Marianas
Hu tuna hao

Carolinian Version

Satil matawal Pacifico
Igha elo faluwéey iye
Ighilal igha ebwe lootiw
Tipéey iye
Eew ráál nge ibwe mwetesangi
Nge ibwal sefáálitiiy
Ese mmwel bwe ibwe lighiti
Bwe faluwéey

Chorus:

Sangaras fa bwughuwal
Ay tirow ngalugh
Ling ghatchul téél falúw Marianas
Ay mwareiti

Source: PL 10-28, § 3, modified.

Commission Comment: PL 10-28 took effect October 3, 1996. According to PL 10-28, §§ 1 and 2:

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Section 1. Findings. The Legislature finds that there exist pursuant to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands an Official Language, Seal and Flag. Pursuant to statute, there is an Official Tree, Flower, and Bird. There is no official anthem found in the Commonwealth Code. The Legislature is cognizant of Resolution No. 18 of the First Constitutional Convention of the Northern Mariana Islands when it urged the Legislature to adopt “Gi Talo Gi Halom Tasi” as the Commonwealth Song. The Legislature also finds that prior to the inception of the Commonwealth government, the two indigenous peoples were the Chamorros and the Carolinians.

Nearly twenty (20) years have passed since the adoption of Resolution No. 18. The Legislature finds that it must correct its legislative oversight and adopt the intent of Resolution No. 18.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this act is to make “Gi Talo Gi Halom Tasi,” the Chamorro version and “Satil Matawal Pacifico,” the Carolinian version the Official Anthem of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.