### RALPH DLG. TORRES Governor



# COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

August 10, 2022

The Honorable Francisco Q. Cruz Chairman, Tinian and Aguiguan Legislation Delegation Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature Capitol Hill Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 22-36, D1** entitled, "To make supplemental appropriations for the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission and the Office of the Mayor of Tinian for Fiscal Year 2022 pursuant to 10 CMC § 2581 [Tinian Local Law 21-9] and 1 CMC §1405(a) [Public Law 11-17]." The bill was passed by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Tinian Local Law No. 22-09.** Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

RAUPHOLG. TORRES

cc: President of the Senate; Press Secretary; Attorney General's Office; Secretary of Finance; Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan; Tinian Municipal Treasury; Chairman, Tinian Municipal Council; Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission; Commonwealth Law Revision; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs & Legislative Review



### TINIAN & AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

Twenty Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature Second Senatorial District P. O. Box 500129 Saipan, MP 96950

Senator Francisco Q. Cruz, Chairman Senator Karl R. King-Nabors, Floor Leader Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas, Vice Chair Senator Jude U. Hofschneider, Legislative Secretary

July 22, 2022

The Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres Governor Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Honorable Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building Capitol Hill Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Torres:

I am honored to transmit for your action **House Local Bill No. 22-36, D1,** entitled. "To make supplemental appropriations for the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission and the Office of the Mayor of Tinian for Fiscal Year 2022 pursuant to 10 CMC § 2581 [Tinian Local Law 21-9] and 1 CMC § 1405(a) [Public Law 11-17].", which was passed unanimously by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation. Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature on its First and Final Reading, a quorum duly present during its First Day, Second Special Session held on July 21, 2022.

Respectfully submitted.

Frances Joan P. Kaipat Delegation Clerk

Enclosure



# TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT

### **SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 2022**

### **HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 22-36, D1**

### A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT FOR THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT

To make supplemental appropriations for the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission and the Office of the Mayor of Tinian for Fiscal Year 2022 pursuant to 10 CMC § 2581 [Tinian Local Law 21-9] and 1 CMC § 1405(a) [Public Law 11-17].

#### **OFFERED BY**

Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas

Prefiled on June 8, 2022 and Introduced on June 13, 2022

#### **HOUSE ACTION**

Transmitted to Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action on

June 14, 2022

#### **DELEGATION ACTION**

Referred to:

None

**Comments Solicited:** 

6/14/22: Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan [Del. Matters 22-67]

& Tinian & Aguiguan Municipal Council [Del. Matters 22-68]

**Comments Received:** 

6//15/22: Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan [Mayors Comm. 22-7]

**Standing Committee Report:** 

None

Passed First & Final Reading:

July 21, 2022 [w/Draft 1]

Frances Joan P. Kaipat Delegation Clerk



# TINIAN & AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT

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### BE IT ENACTED BY THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:

#### **SECTION 101. FINDINGS.**

The Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation (TALD) finds that pursuant to Tinian Local Law 22-7, Section 112, in the event that the Municipal Treasurer determines that the estimated local revenues collected will be increased by \$100,000 or more of the projected or estimated revenue indicated in Section 103 of this Act, the Municipal Treasurer shall transmit within fifteen (15) calendar days a special budget message to the Tinian Mayor's Office, the Chairman of the Tinian Legislative Delegation and the Chairman of the Tinian Municipal Council proposing to increase the reserve for the fiscal year or provide additional budget authority for the fiscal year. Any increases in revenues shall be held in reserve, unless appropriated by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation. The TALD further finds that the Tinian Municipal Treasurer transmitted a letter dated June 6, 2022 to the Mayor Tinian,

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TALD Chairman, and TMC Chairman identifying supplemental local revenues in the amount of \$250,000.00 that is available for appropriation.

#### **SECTION 102. PURPOSE.**

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This Act appropriates supplemental local revenues generated pursuant to 10 CMC § 2581 [Tinian Local Law 21-9, the Revised Tinian Casino G a m i n g Control A c t of 1989], for the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission and the Office of the Mayor of Tinian.

#### SECTION 103. SUPPLEMENTAL LOCAL REVENUES.

Pursuant to a letter dated June 6, 2022, the Tinian Municipal Treasurer has identified supplemental local revenues pursuant to 10 CMC §§ 2581 [Tinian Local Law 21- 9, the Revised Tinian Casino Gaming Control Act of 1989], for the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan for Fiscal Year 2022 and are hereby classified as resources in this local appropriations. Act.

### Supplemental Local Revenues Available for Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2022:

Bridge Investment Group Casino License Fee \$250,000.00

**Total:** \$250.000.00

# SECTION 104. MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) The amount of \$250,000.00 for programs and activities of the Municipal Government of Tinian and Aguiguan, including all activities of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission - Commissioners, the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission - Enforcement Division and the Office of the Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan are hereby appropriated as set forth in the worksheet attached hereto as "Schedule A" and incorporated by reference in this Act.

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#### SECTION 105. APPROPRIATION WORKSHEET.

Unless otherwise provided in this Act, the funds appropriated pursuant to Section 104 hereof shall be expended in compliance with the appropriations worksheet attached hereto as "Schedule A" and incorporated by reference herein. In case of any conflict between the attached worksheet and the Administrative Provisions of this Act, the Administrative Provisions shall prevail.

### SECTION 106. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.

- (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Chairman of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) shall be the expenditure authority of the funds appropriated to the Commissioners Division and the Enforcement Division of the TCGCC.
- (b) The Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan shall be the expenditure authority for the funds appropriated to the Office of Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan.

#### SECTION 107. 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 108. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which

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shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

### **SECTION 109. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon it becoming law without such approval.

#### **CERTIFIED BY:**

Francisco Q. Cruz Chairman

Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation

Edmund S. Villagomez Speaker

House of Representatives

DTN day of August , 2022.

Ralph DLG. Torres

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan FY 2022 Local Budget Schedule A (Amended)

Activity/Function		NOP			Public	
	BU		Personnel	Operations	Programs	Total
Tinian Mayor (Discretionary Account)				\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000
TCGCC			\$200,000	\$ 0		\$200,000
FY 2022 Total Budget Request		0	\$200,000	\$ 50,000		\$250,000