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Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedures and the authority under the NMI Constitution, the Speaker of the House of Representatives announces that the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

Meeting: House of Representatives First Day, First Special Session
Date and Time: Friday, April 23, 2021, at 10:00 AM
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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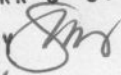
EDMUND SABLAN VILLAGOMEZ
SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

DATE : 15 April 2021
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 1st Day, 1st Special Session

Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the **1st Day, 1st Special Session for Friday, 23 April 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
Acting LB Director
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL SESSION 2021

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1st Day, First Special Session	Friday, April 23, 2021	10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (1)**

Third Day, First Regular Session Journal – March 16, 2021

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. House Bills:

H. B. No. 22-48

To amend Public Law 21-35, “To make appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and independent programs, and to provide budget authority for government corporations for Fiscal Year 2021”; and for other purposes.

Filed by: **REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA** of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Ivan A. Blanco, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai)

H. B. No. 22-49

To provide a voluntary incentive to business establishments to install closed circuit television cameras.

Filed by: **REP. RICHARD T. LIZAMA** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*)

H. B. No. 22-50

To amend Title 9, Division 2, Chapter 1, §2104 of the Commonwealth Code to have all trailer(s) in the CNMI registered in order to be operated on public streets; and for other purposes.

Filed by: **REP. RICHARD T. LIZAMA** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*)

H. B. No. 22-51

To amend 9 CMC § 4101 to add new subsections (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), and (k) to have restrictions related to the color of headlights, signal lights and brake lights on vehicles; and for other purposes.

Filed by: **REP. JOSEPH A. FLORES** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

H. B. No. 22-52

To amend 1 CMC § 2806(c) to provide flexibility in negotiating public land rental amounts for hotels and golf courses.

Prefiled by: REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

H. B. No. 22-53

To appropriate funds for the Commonwealth Medicaid Agency to ensure that federal appropriated and awarded funds may be expended for program administration, reimbursements to medical providers, and for compliance and Medicaid enterprise systems and further enable recruitment, retention, and appropriate classification and compensation of personnel.

Prefiled by: REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada; Sheila J. Babauta, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. No. 22-54

To update the definition of tobacco products in the CNMI's excise tax laws; bring tobacco tax rates to the recommended level; set tobacco tax rates to increase with inflation; and invest tobacco tax revenues in health promotion and disease prevention and control programs in the CNMI; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. CHRISTINA M.E. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for herself*, and Representatives Sheila J. Babauta, Edwin K. Propst, and Leila H.F.C. Staffler)

H. B. No. 22-55

To amend 4 CMC §5526 to establish a separate license for online sales of alcoholic beverages.

Prefiled by: REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*)

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. No. 22-7

To appropriate \$1,446,000.00 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Celina R. Babauta, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, John Paul P. Sablan, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. L. B. No. 22-8

To impose a local license fee on all non-poker electronic gaming devices within the Third Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. RALPH N. YUMUL of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions:

H. RES. NO. 22-6

To commend Maria Palacios Muna for her time-honored legacy of dedication, enthusiasm, and outstanding public service given to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for the past thirty years.

Prefiled by: **REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada; Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Ivan A. Blanco, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. RES. NO. 22-7

To honor and commend Ms. Jane Mack for her lengthy service and extraordinary contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prefiled by: **REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada; Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Ivan A. Blanco, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. RES. NO. 22-8

To encourage Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and CNMI Delegate Gregorio “Kilili” Camacho Sablan to submit to the President of the United States their recommendation for the re-nomination of the Honorable Ramona Villagomez Manglona to serve another term as Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands and to recognize her for her distinguished career.

Prefiled by: **REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada; Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Ivan A. Blanco, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

B. House Joint Resolutions:

H. J. R. NO. 22-3

To respectfully urge the Honorable Governor Ralph DLG. Torres to reallocate necessary funds generated by the fees paid for by prospective employers of foreign nonimmigrant workers to the Northern Marianas Technical Institute (NMTI).

Prefiled by: **REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada; Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Ivan A. Blanco, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Donald M. Manglona, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. J. R. No. 22-4

To authorize the establishment of an additional sixteen (16) positions as needed by the CMA and partially funded by the CMS program for Compliance and Medicaid Enterprise Systems (MES); and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada; Ivan A. Blanco, Joseph A. Flores, Richard T. Lizama, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Donald M. Manglona, John Paul P. Sablan, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. J. R. No. 22-5

To authorize the establishment of an additional nine (9) positions as needed by the Northern Marianas Technical Institute (NMTI); and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*, Representatives Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Ivan A. Blanco, Richard T. Lizama, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

C. House Commemorative Resolutions:

D. House Concurrent Resolutions:

H. C. R. No. 22-1

To approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC, Division 7, for Fiscal Year 2022, beginning October 1, 2021, and ending on September 30, 2022.

Prefiled by: REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*, Representative Celina R. Babauta)

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 22-25: (4/1/2021) Submitting the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 (\$98,897,301 available for appropriation).

GOV. COMM. 22-26: (4/9/2021) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Stephen Thaden Anson, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-27: (4/9/2021) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Karie E. Comstock, Assistant Public Defender, at the Office of the Public Defender to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-28: (4/11/2021 received 4/15/2021) **Executive Order 2021-07 – RENEWAL–Declaration of State of Public Health Emergency and continued Declaration of State of Significant Emergency establishing response, quarantine, and preventive containment measures concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and RENEWAL–Order directing the Homeland Security**

& Emergency Management Office through the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force in partnership with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to undertake necessary COVID-19 containment measures by means of the development of Emergency Directives to protect the health and safety of the public.

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 22-11: (3/29/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 22-40, entitled, *“To protect the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands from Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) contamination.”*, which was passed by the Senate on March 26, 2021. [**For action**]

SEN. COMM. 22-12: (4/1/2021) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 22-7, entitled, *“Honoring the month of March as CNMI Women’s Month and March 8th as International Women’s Day to recognize and praise the women throughout the Commonwealth for their unique and commendable contributions to a more proactive journey towards equality.”*, which was adopted by the Senate on March 26, 2021. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 22-13: (3/31/2021) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 22-6, entitled, *“To amend Rule 2 and Rule 14 of the Official Rules of the Senate.”*, which was adopted by the Senate on March 26, 2021. [For info]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS – (None)

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

JUD. BR. COMM. 22-2: (4/16/2021) From Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro to the Speaker submitting: *Proposed NMI Property Recording Rules*. [Submitted 4/16/2021; Deadline 6/15/2021]

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 22-14: (3/22/2021) Public School System (PSS) re: *FY 2022 Budget Request*. [For info]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 22-15: (3/30/2021) From the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) submitting comments and recommendations to S. B. No. 22-29, entitled, *A Bill for an Act To authorize government agencies, boards, and commissions to promulgate regulations to utilize electronic means to participate in official meetings.* [For info]

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 22-19: (3/30/2021) From the Public Defender submitting comments to H. B. NO. 22-18, entitled, *“To amend Division 4 of Title 6 of the Commonwealth Code relating to disposition of offenders and sentencing to provide criteria for imposition of enhanced sentencing of defendants for crimes motivated by hate.”* [currently in the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.]

MISC. COMM. 22-20: (3/30/2021) From the Northern Marianas Technical Institute (NMTI) re: *requests funding for NOPs*. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-21: (2/25/2021) From the Northern Marianas College submitting *FY 2022 Budget Proposal to the Office of Governor*. [For info]

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action

17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY: 1st Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on
March 19, 2021:*

H. B. No. 22-33: To require legislative appropriation for all Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund monies allocated for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands by the U.S. Congress pursuant to Title VI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) as amended by [the American Rescue Plan]; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*, Representatives, Celina R. Babauta, Richard T. Lizama, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai) on March 16, 2021; moved and placed on the Bill Calendar.

[ADDED-3/25/2021]H. B. No. 22-47: To allow Senatorial Districts to establish and regulate internet gaming; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, John Paul P. Sablan, and Patrick H. San Nicolas) on March 25, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Gaming.

H. RES. No. 22-5: To extend our sincere condolences and sympathies to the family of the late Bob Reynolds and to honor his memory whose worthy endeavors contributed to the quality of life in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada; Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on March 19, 2021; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar; there was no objections raised.

[ADDED-3/25/2021]C. RES. No. 22-4: To commemorate and celebrate the 10th birthday of the 47-foot indigenous Chamorro sakman called "Che'lu". Introduced by REP. SHEILA J. BABAUTA of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for herself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada; Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Ivan A. Blanco, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on March 25, 2021; subsequently placed on Resolution Calendar.