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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: Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 2:00 PM
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building
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EDMUND SABLAN VILLAGOMEZ
SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

DATE : 12 April 2022
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 Tuesday, 19 April 2022 at 2:00 p.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
LB Director
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL SESSION, 2022

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 st Day, First Special Session	Tuesday, April 19, 2022	2:00 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (1)

3rd Day, Third Regular Session Journal – March 29, 2022

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. *House Bills:*

H. B. NO. 22-98: To reestablish a CNMI Minimum Wage by repealing and reenacting 4 CMC §§ 9221, 9222 and 9223; to repeal and amend certain sections of the Minimum Wage and Hour Act; to abolish the Wage Review Committee; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. CHRISTINA M.E. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for herself*, Representatives Celina R. Babauta, Richard T. Lizama, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Denita K. Yangetmai)

B. *House Local Bills:*

C. *House Legislative Initiatives:*

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. *House Resolutions:*

H. RES. NO. 22-17

To extend our sincere condolences and sympathies to the family of the late Honorable Donald Edwin Young and to acknowledge his lifelong derive and contributions o the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prefiled by: REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

B. House Joint Resolutions:

H. J. R. No. 22-15

To recognize Community College Month in the month of April and to commend the Northern Marianas College for the reaffirmation of its accreditation for a historic eight-year term and its contributions to the workforce development needs of the Commonwealth.

Prefiled by: REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*, Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Angel A. Demapan, Richard T. Lizama, Corina L. Magofna, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita K. Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

C. House Commemorative Resolutions:

C. RES. NO. 22-11

To honor the memory and legacy of the late Ivan Kenneth Propst, Jr., and his exceptional contributions in service of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Pacific region, especially in the fields of education and the humanities; and to extend heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family.

Prefiled by: REP. RALPH N. YUMUL of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Richard T. Lizama, Corina L. Magofna, Donald M. Manglona, John Paul P. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai)

D. House Concurrent Resolutions:

H. C. R. No. 22-2

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 2023, beginning October 1, 2022, and ending on September 30, 2023.

Prefiled by: REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*, Representatives Edmund S. Villagomez and Denita K. Yangetmai)

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 22-120: (4/1/2022) Submitting the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (\$101,352,567 available for appropriation).

GOV. COMM. 22-121: (4/13/2022) Informing the House that he signed into law, S. B. No. 22-18, SD1, HD2, (*To waive the Northern Marianas College tuition for a veteran with 30 percent or greater service-connected disability; and for other purposes.*). Became **Public Law 22-16** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-122: (4/13/2022) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 22-24, S1, D1, (*To appropriate Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) from fees collected pursuant to Public Law 20-10 for the Third Senatorial District; and for other purposes.*). Became **Saipan Local Law 22-08** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-123: (4/13/2022) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 22-29, (*To re-appropriate Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$9,784.20) allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-23; One Thousand One Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$1,149.20) allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-19 and Twelve Dollars*

and Fifty-Five Cents (\$12.55) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-09; and for other purposes.)
Became **Saipan Local Law 22-09** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-124: (4/14/2022) Informing the House that he signed into law and line item vetoed in parts, H. L. B. No. 22-27, SD1, D1 (*To appropriate \$4,000,000.00 from fees collected pursuant to Public Law 20-10 for the Third Senatorial District; and for other purposes.*) Became **Saipan Local Law 22-10** [*For info*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 22-89: (4/6/2022) Senate President's decline's consideration of House extension on impeachment record. [*For info*]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 22-74: (3/25/2022) From Minority Leader Demapan informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business beginning March 26, 2022—April 3, 2022 and request to be excused from any and all official functions or sessions during his absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 22-75: (3/28/2022) From Representative Christina M.E. Sablan informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on family medical leave beginning March 28, 2022, and request to be excused from any and all scheduled meetings or sessions. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 22-76: (3/30/2022) Speaker's response to the notice to file a notice of appearance by Representative Corina L. Magofna as House Impeachment Prosecutor; and putting forth notice of one prosecutorial team. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 22-77: (3/30/2022) Representative Magofna's response to Impeachment Doc. 22-27, notice to file appearance by Representative Corina L. Magofna as the House Impeachment Prosecutor. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 22-78: (3/31/2022) From the presiding officers' of the legislature, Speaker Villagomez and Senate President Hofschneider re: *Legislative COVID Protocol Directive 2021-01 (updated)*. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 22-79: (4/6/2022) Requesting Presiding Hearing Officer to consider House extension on impeachment record. [*For info*]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 22-49 (3/25/2022) Public School System (PSS) re: *FY 2023 Budget Request*. [*For info*]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 22-50: (House received 4/11/2022) From the Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) submitting: *FY 2020—Annual Report* . [*For info*]

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 22-108: Notice of Appearance—that Viola Alepuyo, Attorney-at-Law and Anthony H. Aguon, Aguon Law Office, LLC, enter their appearance in the matter on behalf of Governor Ralph DLG. Torres in his personal capacity. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 22-109: Anthony H. Aguon, Aguon Law Office, LLC—ANSWER OF GOVERNOR RALPH DELEON GUERRERO TORRES TO THE ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 22-110: [PROPOSED] NOTICE OF MOTION TO DISMISS ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 22-111: THE SENATE—NOTICE TO FILE AN APPEARANCE BY REPRESENTATIVE CORINA L. MAGOFNA AS THE HOUSE IMPEACHMENT PROSECUTOR. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 22-112: NOTICE OF ENTRY OF APPEARANCE 22ND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, that Representatives Blas Jonathan T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Leila H.F. Staffler, Donald M. Manglona, and Corina L. Magofna enter their collective appearance on behalf of the House of the Representatives prosecution. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 22-113: (3/29/2022) Transmitting a certified copy of Youth Congress Resolution No. 18-05, entitled, “*Congratulating Ms. Ana Guadalupe Mafnas Villagomez on winning the 2022 Scripps Regional Spelling Bee held on March 12, 2022 on Guam.*”, which was adopted by the 18th CNMI Youth Congress on March 19, 2022. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 22-114: (3/29/2022) Transmitting a certified copy of Youth Congress Resolution No. 18-06, entitled, “*Requesting the Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to provide fuel and/or utility vouchers to qualified household in the Commonwealth.*”, which was adopted by the 18th CNMI Youth Congress on March 19, 2022. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 22-115: (3/29/2022) Transmitting a certified copy of Youth Congress Resolution No. 18-07, entitled, “*Conveying the 18th CNMI Youth Congress’ condolences to the family of the late Joaquina Margaret Borja Salas, legislative staffer and pioneer member of the CNMI Youth Congress.*”, which was adopted by the 18th CNMI Youth Congress on March 19, 2022. [*For info*]

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (1)

S. C. R. No. 22-43: Reporting on S. B. No. 22-05, SS1 entitled: “To establish a Behavioral Health Professional Scholarship; and for other purposes.” *Your House Committee on Education recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of S. B. 22-05 SS1, HD2.*

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES – (None)

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (None)

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
H. B. No. 22-65	A Bill for an Act to amend 3 CMC §2822(f) to rename the Commonwealth Health Center on Saipan as the Dr. Carlos S. Camacho Commonwealth Health Center. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 22-35]	
H. B. No. 22-35	A Bill for an Act to add a provision to prohibit convicted felons from possessing firearms and/or ammunition; and for other purposes. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 22-36]	

17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

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 29, 2022:*

H. B. No. 22-97: To require Legislative Appropriation for all Non-Locally-Sourced Funds allocated for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. CORINA L. MAGOFNA of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, and Ralph N. Yumul) on March 29, 2022; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H. L. B. No. 22-30: To make limited appropriations for the personnel and operations of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission for Fiscal Year 2022 pursuant to 10 CMC § 2581 [Tinian Local Law 21-9] and 1 CMC § 1405(a) [Public 11-17]. Introduced by REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on March 29, 2022.

C. RES. NO. 22-9: To Congratulate and Honor all the women in the Commonwealth as we celebrate their contributions and achievements during the month of March 2022 proclaimed as CNMI Women’s Month and March 8th as International Women’s Day. Introduced by REP. DENITA KAIPAT YANGETMAI of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Corina L. Magofna, Donald M. Manglona, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul; *Roy C.A. Ada, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph*

Leepan T. Guerrero, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas) on March 29, 2022; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

C. RES. NO. 22-10: To honor and commend Mr. David Mangarero Sablan for his selfless dedication and countless contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3, (*for himself, Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao; Roy C.A. Ada, Sheila J. Babauta, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Richard T. Lizama, Corina L. Magofna, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai*) on March 29, 2022; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

House information on deadlines for override:

GOV. COMM. 22-117: (3/1/2022) Informing the House that he vetoed S. L. B. No. 22-6 (*To amend 10 CMC §12114 to provide for the Rota Casino Gaming Commission member’s compensation.*). [*Deadline: 4/30/2022*]