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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 Second Day, First Special Session
Date and Time: Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 10:00 AM
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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
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TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
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EDMUND SABLAN VILLAGOMEZ
SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

DATE : 20 April 2022
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 2nd 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 **2nd Day, 1st Special Session for Wednesday, 27 April 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL SESSION, 2022

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
2nd Day, First Special Session	Wednesday, April 27, 2022	10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

- ROLL CALL**
- PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- ADOPTION OF JOURNALS** – (None)
- INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

A. House Bills:

H. B. No. 22-99

To amend 1 CMC, Division 6. Elections specifically §§6213, 6222, 6521(a), 6524(a) and 6528(f) of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes.

Filed by: **REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Joel C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Christina M.E. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. No. 22-100

To further enable recruitment, retention, and appropriate classification and compensation of Medicaid personnel; and for other purposes.

Filed by: **REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*, Representatives Celina R. Babauta, Corina L. Magofna, Donald M. Manglona, Christina M.E. Sablan, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. No. 22-101

To provide a tax incentive for business entities that hire qualified ex-offenders; and for other purposes.

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

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. No. 22-32

To re-appropriate One Thousand, Sixteen Dollars (\$1,016.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-2, specifically under Business Unit 3400X; Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-2, specifically under Business Unit 3500A; Sixteen Thousand

Dollars (\$16,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-24, specifically under Business Unit 71771; Thirteen Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars (\$13,173.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-04, specifically under Business Unit 3754; Forty-Two Thousand, Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$42,059.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7190B; and Seventy-Nine Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-One Dollars (\$79,171.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7186X; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: **REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Joseph A. Flores, and Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero)

C. *House Legislative Initiatives:*

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. *House Resolutions:*

H. RES. NO. 22-18

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*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Joel C. Camacho, , Richard T. Lizama, Corina L. Magofna, Donald M. Manglona, Christina M.E. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. RES. NO. 22-19

To honor Mrs. Aiko Mihara for reaching the delightful age of 100 years old.

Prefiled by: **REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Joel C. Camacho, , Richard T. Lizama, Corina L. Magofna, Donald M. Manglona, Christina M.E. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

B. *House Joint Resolutions:*

C. *House Commemorative Resolutions:*

D. *House Concurrent Resolutions:*

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR – (None)

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 22-93: (4/22/2022) Senate President on the matter of the Notice to File an Appearance by Representative Corina L. Magofna as House Prosecutor. [*For info*]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 22-80: (4/20/2022) From Representative Guerrero informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal matters from April 21—April 24, 2022 and request to be excused from any and all official functions during his absence. [*For info*]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – (None)

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES – (None)

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS – (None)

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (1)

S. C. R. No. 22-44: Reporting on H. B. No. 22-80 entitled: “To have the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) join the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) to improve and expand access to mental health care in the CNMI; and for other purposes.” *Your House Committee on Health and Welfare recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 22-80 in its current form.*

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

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (None)

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action
S. J. R. No. 22-08	A Senate Joint Resolution Requesting the Governor and the Secretary of Finance to provide financial assistance to meet the increased demand of fuel costs in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands by implementing a \$500.00 fuel voucher program. [<i>See SEN. COMM. 22-91</i>]	

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
H. B. No. 22-95, SS1	A Bill for an Act to amend the Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 22-08) to establish a business unit for Retirees’ Bonus and to reappropriate personnel lapses within departments and line-item vetoes within Public Law 22-08 to fund the Retirees’ Bonus; and for other purposes. [<i>See SEN. COMM. 22-92</i>]	

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
April 19, 2022:*

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. Introduced 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) on April 19, 2022; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[Added 4/19/2022 H. L. B. NO. 22-31: To appropriate un-obligated funds under Saipan Local Law 22-10 (\$430,000) from fees collected pursuant to Public Law 20-10; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. CORINA L. MAGOFNA of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*) on April 19, 2022.

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 to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Richard T. Lizama, Corina L. Magofna, Donald M. Manglona, 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 April 19, 2022; subsequently referred to the Resolution calendar.

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. Introduced 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, 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, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 19, 2022; subsequently referred to the Resolution calendar.

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. Introduced by REP. RALPH N. YUMUL 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, Corina L. Magofna, Donald M. Manglona, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai) on April 19, 2022; subsequently referred to the Resolution calendar.

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. Introduced by REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*, Representatives Edmund S. Villagomez and Denita K. Yangetmai) on April 19, 2022; subsequently referred to 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*]