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A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT

To re-appropriate funds under Saipan Local Law 22-08; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE

COMMONWEALTH CODE:

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2 The Delegation finds that Section 2(A) of Saipan Local Law 22-8
3 appropriated One Million US Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to the Northern Marianas
4 College (NMC), unfortunately the funds were not remitted to the Northern
5 Marianas College (NMC). Furthermore, the Delegation finds that Saipan Local
6 Law 23-2 appropriated the same amount to the Northern Marianas College
7 (NMC) to address the needs of the Northern Marianas College (NMC) campus so
8 that the Northern Marianas College (NMC) can proceed forward with its project
9 in building a new state of the art campus for its students and visitors. Therefore,
10 the intent of this Act is to re-appropriate the One Million US Dollars

1 (\$1,000,000.00) under Section 2(A) of Saipan Local Law 22-8 pursuant to Public
2 Law 20-10.

3 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

4 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to
5 the contrary the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD)
6 hereby re-appropriates One Million US Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from Section
7 2(A) of Saipan Local Law 22-8 pursuant to Public Law 20-10 as follows:

8 A) \$50,000.00 for Karidat for its personnel/operations within the Third
9 Senatorial District, expenditure authority shall be the Executive
10 Director of Karidat or his/her designee;

11 B) \$50,000.00 for Center of Living Independently (CLI) for its
12 personnel/operations within the Third Senatorial District, expenditure
13 authority shall be the Executive Director of CLI or his/her designee;

14 C) \$100,000.00 for Substance Abuse and Recovery (SAAR) for its
15 personnel/operations within the Third Senatorial District, expenditure
16 authority shall be the Executive Director of SAAR or his/her designee;

17 D) \$20,000.00 for the Department of Public Works for its operations (fuel
18 and lubricant), expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of DPW or
19 his/her designee;

- 1 E) \$10,000.00 for the Kagman Agricultural Farms and Producers
2 Association Inc., expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the
3 Department of Finance or his/her designee;
- 4 F) \$15,000.00 for the Northern Mariana Islands Basketball Federation
5 (NMIBF), expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the
6 Department of Finance or his/her designee;
- 7 G) \$20,000.00 for the Commonwealth Womens Association (CWA)
8 within the Third Senatorial District, expenditure authority shall be the
9 Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her designee;
- 10 H) \$20,000.00 for the Division of Customs for fuel for two maritime
11 enforcement boats, expenditure authority shall be the Director of the
12 Division of Customs or his/her designee;
- 13 I) \$45,000.00 for the 2023 Flame Tree Arts Festival, expenditure
14 authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of Community and
15 Cultural Affairs (DCCA) or his/her designee;
- 16 J) \$15,000.00 for the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) for its shuttle
17 service within the Third Senatorial District, expenditure authority shall
18 be the Managing Director of MVA or his/her designee;
- 19 K) \$25,000.00 for the Saipan Agricultural Fair Association, expenditure
20 authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of Lands and
21 Natural Resources or his/her designee;

- 1 L) \$200,000.00 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative
2 Delegation (SNILD) for its operations, expenditure authority shall be
3 the Chairperson of the Delegation or his/her designee;
- 4 M) \$50,000.00 for the Joeten Kiyu Public Library (for the PIALA
5 conference and Northern Marianas Library Association) expenditure
6 authority shall be the Director of the Joeten Kiyu Public Library or
7 his/her designee;
- 8 N) \$5,000.00 for the Island Summer Fest, expenditure authority shall be
9 the Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her designee;
- 10 O) \$25,000.00 for Tasi to Table (for educational and practical seminars)
11 within the Third Senatorial District, expenditure shall be the Secretary
12 of the Department of Finance for his/her designee;
- 13 P) \$25,000.00 to the Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs to pay
14 for costs associated to the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) that
15 was provided by the military for the people of the Commonwealth
16 (associated costs are but not limited to transportation, food, etc...),
17 expenditure authority shall be the Special Assistant of the
18 Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs or his/her designee;
- 19 Q) \$10,000.00 to the I Sanhalom Laguna Anglers Association (ISLA
20 Association) for its program within the Third Senatorial District,

- 1 expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of
2 Finance or his/her designee;
- 3 R) \$200,000.00 for the Saipan Mayors Office for its personnel/operations,
4 expenditure authority shall be the Mayor of Saipan or his/her designee;
- 5 S) \$40,000.00 for the Inetnun Kutturán Natibu Marianas (for the book
6 translation, salary, supplies and printing cost) for the Third Senatorial
7 District, expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the Department
8 of Finance or his/her designee;
- 9 T) \$25,000.00 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council for
10 the rededication of the Kiosku and the annual Marianas memorial
11 blessing, expenditure authority shall be the Chairperson of the Saipan
12 and Northern Islands Municipal Council of his/her designee in
13 consultation with the Members of the Saipan and Northern Islands
14 Municipal Council; and
- 15 U) \$50,000.00 for the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation (MLSC)
16 for maintenance and services within the Third Senatorial District,
17 expenditure shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance or
18 his/her designee.

1 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

2 Funds appropriated under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other
3 purpose and notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under
4 this Act shall be without fiscal year limitation.

5 **SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.**

6 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any
7 person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
8 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to
9 persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be
10 affected thereby.

11 **SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

12 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as
13 affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
14 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.
15 Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or
16 pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of
17 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall
18 already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

19 **SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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


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