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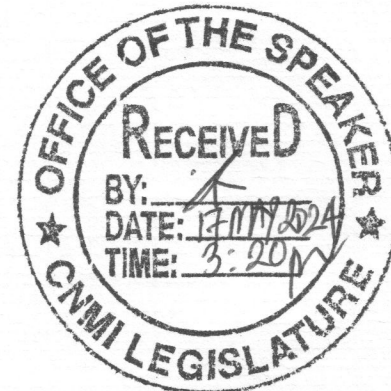
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

May 17, 2024

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The Honorable John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

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



5/20/24

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 23-52, S1, D1**, entitled, "To appropriate \$500,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59," which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 23-15**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Governor

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- cc: Lt. Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision; Public Auditor; Secretary of Finance; CHCC; DLNR; NMSA; MINA; Commonwealth Cancer Association; Special Assistant for Administration; Programs and Legislative Review Office

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**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 2024**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-52, S1, D1

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

To appropriate \$500,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.

OFFERED BY

Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Manny G. T. Castro, Marissa R. Flores, Edwin K. Propst, Edmund S. Villagomez and Ralph N. Yumul

Prefiled on May 6, 2024 and Introduced on May 10, 2024

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on
May 13, 2024

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	5/13/24: Mayor of Saipan [Del. Matters 23-75] Mayor of Northern Islands [Del. Matters 23-76] 17 th SNIMC [Del. Matters 23-77]]
Comments Received:	5/16/24 Mayor of the Northern Islands under Public Comments
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	May 16, 2024 w/Substitute 1, Draft 1



Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



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**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 purpose of this Act is to appropriate local funds from the revenues collected for the
3 Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

5 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary and
6 pursuant to funds allocated to the Third Senatorial District the Saipan and Northern Islands
7 Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates \$500,000.00 of the revenues collected for the
8 Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59 as follows:

1 (A) \$200,000.00 to Commonwealth Health Care Corporation (CHCC) for the Health
2 Network Program (HNP), the expenditure authority under 2(A) shall be the Chief Executive
3 Officer (CEO) or his/her designee;

4 (B) \$150,000.00 for the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture, expenditure authority under
5 2(B) shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her designee

6 (C) \$20,000.00 for the Northern Marianas Sports Association (NMSA) for the 10th
7 Micronesian Games, expenditure authority under 2(C) shall be the Secretary of Finance or his/her
8 designee;

9 (D) \$65,000.00 for engines for the Department of Lands and Natural Resources (DLNR),
10 expenditure authority under 2(D) shall be the Secretary of the Department of Lands and Natural
11 Resources or his/her designee;

12 (E) \$25,000.00 for the Capital Hill baseball field and other baseball fields within the Third
13 Senatorial District upgrade (lights, fencing, grounds, etc...), expenditure authority shall be the
14 Director of the Division of Parks and Recreation or his/her designee;

15 (F) \$20,000.00 for the Commonwealth Cancer Association, expenditure authority shall be
16 the Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her designee; and

17 (G) \$20,000.00 for the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance (MINA), expenditure authority
18 shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her designee.

1 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

5 **SECTION 4. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

6 Expenditure authorities of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be
7 responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance and the
8 Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation by the end of the 2024
9 calendar year. Provided further that failure to provide all expenses, entities (Government, non-
10 profits entities, etc... excluding specific projects) that were afforded funds under this Act shall not
11 be able to avail to any future funds appropriated by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative
12 Delegation.

13 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

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

18 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

19 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing
20 right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or
21 order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding


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1 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of
2 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in
3 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

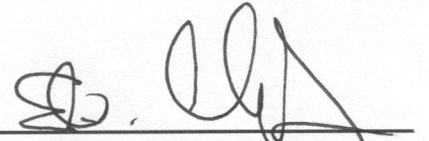
4 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

CERTIFIED BY:

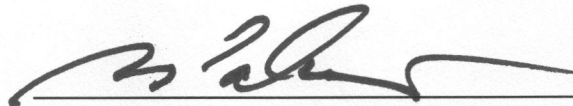


John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
23rd House of Representatives

Approved this 17th day of May, 2024.



Arnold I. Palacios
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands