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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 Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

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| Meeting: | House of Representatives Second Day, First Special Session |
| Date and Time: | Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 9:30 AM |
| Location: | House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill |

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MEMORANDUM

DATE : 25 April 2018
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Rafael S. Demapan 
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 Tuesday, 01 May 2018 at 9:30 a.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
LB Director
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL SESSION, 2018

| SESSION DAY | CALENDAR DAY | TIME |
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| 2nd Day, First Special Session | Tuesday, May 1, 2018 | 9:30 a.m. |

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS - (None)**
- 4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

A. *House Bills:*

B. *House Local Bills:*

H. L. B. No. 20-66

To amend Section 406(e) of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, as amended, by adding a new subsection (1) to allow for mobile homes to be situated on Beach Road upon compliance with the statutes set forth in the Building Safety Code.

Prefiled by: REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*)

C. *House Legislative Initiatives:*

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. *House Resolutions:*

H. RES. NO. 20-26

To support the change of designation of use of public domain lands exclusively to construct, develop, and maintain a Palauan “Abai”.

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

B. *House Joint Resolutions:*

C. *House Commemorative Resolutions:*

D. *House Concurrent Resolutions:*

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 20-198: (4/24/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 20-141, SD1, (“To give the Department of Finance the authority to pay the obligated 25% retiree death benefit payments due to the survivors of CNMI deceased retirees.”). Became **Public Law 20-57** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-199: (4/24/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 20-59, D1, (“Appropriate \$81,000 Local License Fees-collected from the Second Senatorial District Poker & Pachinko Slot Machines.”). Became **Tinian Local Law 20-10** [*For info*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 20-164: (4/27/18) Returning H. B. No. 20-164, HD3, entitled, “To appropriate fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) from the Special Casino Gross Revenue Tax Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §2308.”, which was passed by the Senate with amendments on April 27, 2018, in the form of **H. B. No. 20-164, HD3, SD1**. [*For action on Senate amendments*]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS – None

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – None

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES - None

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS - None

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES - (2)

S. C. R. No. 20-117: Reporting on the appointment of Mr. James Diego I. Benavente to serve as member of the Public Utilities Commission representing Saipan. *Your Committee on Public Utilities and Communications recommends confirmation of Mr. Benavente’s appointment.*

S. C. R. No. 20-118: Reporting on the appointment of Mr. Benjamin Huk L. Borja to serve as member of the Public Utilities Commission representing Tinian. *Your Committee on Public Utilities and Communications recommends confirmation of Mr. Borja's appointment.*

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

| Resolution | Subject | Action |
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16. BILL CALENDAR

| Bill/Initiative | Subject | Action |
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| H. B. No. 20-144 | A Bill for an Act to amend Title 1, General Provisions, Chapter 4, Article 3 by adding a new § 439 naming the Rota Fire Station 8 the “Robert O. Hocog Fire Station”; and for other purposes. <i>See [S. C. R. No. 20-109]</i> | |
| H. B. No. 20-100, HS1 | A Bill for an Act to establish a reserve fund to be used to meet the future needs of the Commonwealth. <i>See [S. C. R. No. 20-111]</i> | |
| H. B. No. 20-80, HD1 | A Bill for an Act to provide a tax incentive for business entities that hire qualified ex-offenders. <i>See [S. C. R. No. 20-112]</i> | |
| H. B. No. 20-153, HD1 | A Bill for an Act to amend 2 CMC § 4433 to authorize the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation and the Commonwealth Development Authority to promulgate regulations on procurement, travel, and personnel matters; and for other purposes. <i>See [S. C. R. No. 20-114]</i> | |
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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:

H. L. B. No. 20-61: To adopt and enact the Revised Tinian Casino Gaming Control Act of 1989 as approved and adopted by the CNMI Superior Court in *CNMI v. Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission, et al.*, Civil Action No. 91-690 (Aug. 18, 1993); To further Amend the Revised Tinian Casino Gaming Control Act of 1989; To Repeal Tinian Local Laws 14-01, 18-05, 19-12, and 20-05; and for other purposes. Introduced by Prefiled by: Rep. Edwin P. Aldan of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on March 16, 2018.

*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on
April 24, 2018:*

H. B. No. 20-163: To reduce the time period for the Mayor to comment on local legislation to 15 days. Introduced by Rep. John Paul P. Sablan of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Ivan A. Blanco, and Angel A. Demapan) on April 24, 2018; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 20-164: To appropriate fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) from the Special Casino Gross Revenue Tax Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §2308. Introduced by Rep. Angel A. Demapan of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, and John Paul P. Sablan) on April 24, 2018; subsequently moved and placed on the Bill Calendar.

H. L. B. No. 20-63

To re-appropriate Sixteen Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty dollars and Twenty-Four cents (\$16,830.24) from BU 4961M and BU 4962R; Fifty-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Six dollars and Ninety-Five cents (\$57,706.95) from BU 7176D and BU 3754; and Thirty-Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty-Two dollars and Eighty-One cents (\$37,462.81) from BU 3753G; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Janet U. Maratita of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, Representatives Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, and Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.) on April 24, 2018.

H. L. B. No. 20-64: To appropriate \$79,000.00 from the local license fees collected for pachinko slot machines and poker machines in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes. Introduced by Prefiled by: Rep. Edwin P. Aldan of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on April 24, 2018.

H. L. B. No. 20-65: To appropriate \$3,300,000 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended for Fiscal Year 2018; and for other purposes. Introduced by Prefiled by: Rep. Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Janet U. Maratita, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinnie F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on April 24, 2018.

H. Res. No. 20-25: To honor and commend Justis “Cuki” F. Alvarez for his numerous accomplishments while representing the CNMI in various sporting events. Introduced by Prefiled by: Rep. Edwin K. Propst of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinnie F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on April 24, 2018; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

H. C. R. No. 20-2: 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 2019, beginning October 1, 2018, and ending on September 30, 2019. Introduced by Prefiled by: Rep. Angel A. Demapan of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 24, 2018; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

House information on deadlines for override:

Gov. Comm. 20-177: (3/16/18) Informing the House that he vetoed H. B. No. 20-96, SD1, (To amend 1 CMC §2264 to ensure that the Board of Education members receive compensation for committee meetings, which are vital to the development of policy and the functioning of the Public School System.). [**Deadline: 5/15/18**]

Gov. Comm. 20-178: (3/16/18 received 3/19/18) Informing the House that he vetoed S. B. No. 20-21, SS1, SD1, (To establish a Northern Marianas Technical Institute by adding a new Chapter 11 to Title 3, Division 1 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes.). [**Deadline: 5/15/18**]