

TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

_____ Session, 2023

H. B. 23- 88

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To rename the “Ma’afala Breadfruit Program” as the “Ivan A. Blanco Breadfruit Program”.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE 23RD NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

- 1 **Section 1. Short Title.** This Act shall be cited as the “Ivan Blanco
2 Breadfruit Program Act of 2023”.
- 3 **Section 2. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that the
4 “Ma’afala Breadfruit Program” is a program that is dedicated to advocating the
5 importance of breadfruit in our lives. Cognizant of the health benefits and
6 sustainability yielded by such a nutritious fruit, in 2013, the late Governor Eloy S.
7 Inos established the “Breadfruit Initiative Task Force” and appointed the
8 dedicated Ivan A. Blanco to lead such a task force. Under his appointed
9 leadership, the late Honorable Ivan A. Blanco helped ensure the establishment of
10 the CNMI’s very own breadfruit program. Upon its creation, the late Honorable
11 Ivan A. Blanco has exerted his efforts in preserving and continuing the program
12 for years to come.

1 The Legislature also finds that the late Honorable Ivan A. Blanco was a
2 man who selflessly dedicated himself to public service. Throughout his tenure in
3 public service, ranging from appointed positions in the CNMI government to an
4 elected position amongst our local leaders, the late Honorable Ivan A. Blanco was
5 a man committed to establishing a sustainable future for generations to come.
6 Furthermore, he was a man of high integrity and great character. One of the
7 programs he was passionately supporting was the CNMI's breadfruit program.
8 From his time at the Grants Management Office all the way through to his
9 untimely passing as a devoted member of the Northern Marianas Commonwealth
10 Legislature, the Honorable Ivan A. Blanco committed a significant amount of his
11 time and efforts to ensure that the breadfruit program, currently known as the
12 "Ma'afala Breadfruit Program", prevails. To memorialize all that he stood for, it
13 would be appropriate to rename this well-founded and well-intended program in
14 his honor as a token of our gratitude for his selfless devotion and unwavering
15 dedication.

16 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to rename the "Ma'afala Breadfruit
17 Program" as the "Ivan A. Blanco Breadfruit Program".

18 **Section 3. Enactment.** Notwithstanding any laws or regulations to the
19 contrary and subject to codification by the CNMI Law Revision Commission, the
20 following provision is hereby enacted:

1 “§101. The “Ma’afala Breadfruit Program” is hereby renamed as the “Ivan
2 A. Blanco Breadfruit Program”.

3 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of
4 any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a
5 court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its
6 provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid
7 shall not be affected thereby.

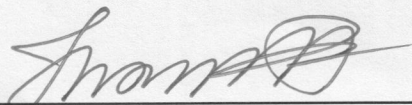
8 **Section 5. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein
9 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or
10 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted
11 under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
12 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have
13 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal,
14 which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

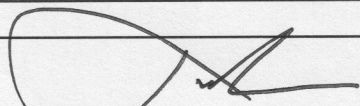
15 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by
16 the Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

Prefiled: 11/15/2023

Date: _____

Introduced by: _____


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