

TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH  
LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*July 6, 2018*

*Fifth Spec*

SESSION, 2018

H. Res. 20- *37*

**A HOUSE RESOLUTION**

To support the Treatment Plan recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and concurred by the CNMI Historic Preservation Office for the Kannat Tabla Flood Control and Drainage Project located in Kannat Tabla on the island of Saipan.

1           **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life  
2 in this great Commonwealth is indelibly dependent on our ability to provide safe  
3 and efficient modes of transportation to all our citizens and is the central artery of  
4 the Commonwealth's commerce and economic activities; and

5           **WHEREAS**, this Legislative Body, representing the people of the  
6 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, is in support of the Treatment  
7 Plan recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and  
8 concurred by the CNMI Historic Preservation Office for the Kannat Tabla Flood  
9 Control and Drainage Project located in Kannat Tabla on the island of Saipan;  
10 and

11           **WHEREAS**, August of 2015, typhoon Soudelor severely impacted the  
12 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), resulting in the  
13 federally declared disaster FEMA-4235-DR; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the CNMI Department of Public Works submitted an  
2 application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funding  
3 for drainage improvements intended to mitigate flooding and erosion along  
4 Kannat Tabla Road on the Island of Saipan (Undertaking); and

5           **WHEREAS**, the undertaking will involve drainage and road  
6 improvements associated with the collection of storm water runoff from the road  
7 and conveyance to the existing CMS Quarry, where it is expected to infiltrate; and

8           **WHEREAS**, in advance of approving this undertaking, FEMA conducted  
9 preliminary consultations regarding the scope of historic property identification  
10 requirements between the CNMI Historic Preservation Office (HPO) Personnel  
11 and Southeastern Archaeological Research Inc. (SEARCH), working on behalf of  
12 FEMA; and

13           **WHEREAS**, FEMA has determined that the ground disturbance  
14 necessary for the drainage improvements will adversely affect site SP-1-1047, a  
15 prehistoric ceramic and shell midden, which was determined eligible for listing in  
16 the NRHP; and

17           **WHEREAS**, FEMA recommended a Treatment Plan in the form of  
18 archaeological data recovery prior to the implementation of the project and  
19 monitoring by a qualified archaeologist during all ground disturbing construction  
20 related to Kannat Tabla; and

21           **WHEREAS**, the CNMI Historic Preservation Office has concurred with  
22 the FEMA's recommended Treatment Plan; and

1           **WHEREAS**, this Legislative Body concurs with the FEMA recommended  
2 Treatment Plan to ensure that the elimination, reduction and effective control of  
3 flash floods and erosion on onto the Kannat Tabla roads, residential homes and  
4 properties is achieved and it will also decrease adverse economic impacts on  
5 residents, motorists, businesses and the local government;

6           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of  
7 Representatives of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature  
8 that the House supports the Treatment Plan recommended by the Federal  
9 Emergency Management Agency and concurred by the CNMI Historic  
10 Preservation Office for the Kannat Tabla Flood Control and Drainage Project  
11 located in Kannat Tabla on the island of Saipan; and

12           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the House of  
13 Representatives shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of  
14 this resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to  
15 Alessandro Amaglio, Regional Environmental Officer, U.S. Department of  
16 Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Honorable Ralph  
17 DLG. Torres, Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the  
18 Honorable Gregorio Kili Camacho Sablan, CNMI Delegate to the United States  
19 Congress, 115<sup>th</sup> United States Congress; the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Senate  
20 President, Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; Mr. Robert  
21 Hunter, Secretary, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs; Mrs. Mertie  
22 Kani, State Historic Preservation Officer, Division of Historic Preservation;

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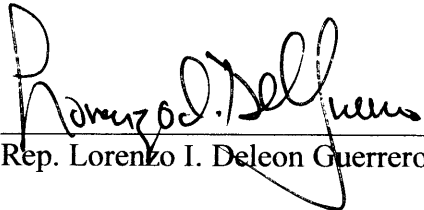
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- 1 Mr. Pedro A. Duenas, Jr., Chairman, CNMI Historic Preservation Review Board;
- 2 and Mr. James A. Ada, Secretary, Department of Public Works.

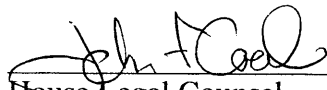
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Introduced By:

  
Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero

Reviewed by:

  
House Legal Counsel