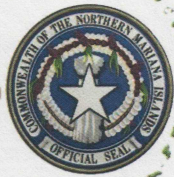


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The Honorable Roman C. Benavente  
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The Honorable John Paul P. Sablan  
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Dear Mr. Acting Chairman and Mr. Acting Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 21-28, S1, D6** entitled, "To appropriate the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) from the Exclusive Gaming Annual License Fees allotted to the Third Senatorial District; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 21-10**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

RALPH DLG. TORRES  
Governor

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cc: Lt. Governor; Press Secretary; Secretary of Finance; Commonwealth Law Revision;  
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**HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 21-28, S1, D6**

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To appropriate the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) from the Exclusive Gaming Annual License Fees allotted to the Third Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

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**Offered by**

Representatives Ivan A. Blanco, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Joel C. Camacho, Luis John DLG. Castro, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus and John Paul P. Sablan.

on

September 6, 2019

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**HOUSE ACTION**

Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on  
September 9, 2019

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**DELEGATION ACTION**

Referred To	:	None
Comments Solicited	:	Mayor of Saipan; Mayor of Northern Islands; Chairman, SNI Municipal Council (9/11/19)
Comments Received	:	Mayor of Saipan; [9/3/19 - ref. Mayor's Comm. 21-19] Mayor of Northern Islands [9/16/19 – ref. Mayor's Comm. 21-20]
Standing Committee Report	:	None
Passed First & Final Reading	:	September 16, 2019 [as S1, D6]

  
Chanele C. Borja, Acting Delegation Clerk



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION**  
**Third Senatorial District**  
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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:**

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) from the Exclusive Gaming Annual License Fees allotted to the Third Senatorial District.

**SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS.**

Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws or regulations to the contrary, the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) from the Exclusive Gaming Annual License Fees allotted to the Third Senatorial District as follows:

(1) SHEFA	\$500,000.00
(2) Saipan Mayor's Office	\$250,000.00

The expenditure authority shall be the Mayor of Saipan.

(3) Northern Islands Mayor's Office \$50,000.00

The expenditure authority shall be the Mayor of the Northern Islands.

(4) The Center for Living Independently \$94,000.00

The expenditure authority shall be the Executive Director.

(5) Saipan Northern Islands Delegation (operations) \$200,000.00

The expenditure shall be the Chairman of the Delegation.

(6) Joeten-Kiyu Public Library \$32,375.00

For the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives and  
Museums (PIALA) Conference. The expenditure authority shall be the  
Secretary of Finance.

(7) Carolinian Affairs Office \$21,595.00

For the purchase of an office vehicle for the office. The expenditure authority  
shall be the Executive Assistant for the Carolinian Affairs Office.

(8) Indigenous Affairs Office \$26,400.00

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Indigenous Cultural Expo. The expenditure authority shall be  
the Resident Executive of the Indigenous Affairs.

(9) Family Violence Task Force \$15,000.00

The expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of Finance.

(10) Association of Pacific Islands Legislatures (APIL) \$20,630.00

To be held on Saipan in December 2019, the expenditure authority shall be the  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

(11) Micronesian Legal Services Corporation \$55,000.00

The expenditure authority shall be the Executive Director. (Note: \$30,000.00 of

the \$55,000.00 comes from the \$300,000.00 allotted to Precinct I at subsection 17.)

(12) Northern Marianas Athletics \$100,000.00

The expenditure authority shall be the President of the NMA Association.

(13) Saipan Baseball League \$20,000.00

The expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of Finance.

(14) 2019 Mariana Islands Fishing and Seafood Festival \$25,000.00

The expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of Finance.

(15) Public Defenders Office \$90,000.00

The expenditure authority shall be the Chief Public Defender.

(16) Northern Mariana Islands Museum \$30,000.00

The expenditure authority shall be the Executive Director of the Museum.

(17) Various Projects in Precinct I \$300,000.00

(a) For the immediate repairs of the following schools such as classrooms, libraries and other repairs deemed critical and for student operations and/or for the payment of the 10% FEMA matching for the following schools, the funds, (less those appropriated by section 2, subsection (11)) shall be allocated as follows:

1. Hopwood Middle School: \$50,000.00

2. Saipan Southern High School: \$50,000.00

3. San Vicente Elementary School: \$50,000.00

4. Dandan Middle School: \$35,000.00

5. Koblerville Elementary School: \$50,000.00

6. Francisco M. Sablan Middle School: \$35,000.00

The expenditure authority shall be the Commissioner of Education.

(18) Various Projects in Precinct II \$300,000.00

(a) \$150,000.00 for the repair, reconstruction, and rebuilding of facilities at William S. Reyes Elementary School, which may be used for the 10% FEMA matching requirement; the expenditure authority shall be the Commissioner of Education of the CNMI Public School System or his/her designee.

(b) \$150,000.00 for the repair, reconstruction, and rebuilding of facilities at Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School, which may be used for the 10% FEMA matching requirement; the expenditure authority shall be the Commissioner of Education of the CNMI Public School System or his/her designee.

(19) Various Projects in Precinct III \$300,000.00

(a) \$150,000.00 for the Oleai Church road ongoing project. The expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of Public Works;

(b) \$150,000.00 for Industrial Drive. The expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of Public Works.

(20) Various Projects in Precinct IV \$300,000.00

(a) \$200,000.00 for the construction of Roads and Drainage within Precinct IV to include sidewalks, crosswalks, speed bumps, road, children's playgrounds and traffic signage. The expenditure authority of these funds shall be the Secretary of the Department of Public Works.

- 1 (b) \$25,000.00 for the Kagman High School operations. The expenditure  
2 authority shall be the Commissioner of Education of the CNMI Public  
3 School System in consultation with the Principal or his/her designee; and  
4 (c) \$25,000.00 for Tanapag Middle School operations, expenditure authority  
5 shall be the Commissioner of Education of the CNMI Public School System  
6 in consultation with the Principal or his/her designee;  
7 (d) \$20,000.00 for Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School operations,  
8 expenditure authority shall be the Commissioner of Education of the CNMI  
9 Public School System in consultation with the Principal or his/her designee;  
10 and  
11 (e) \$5,000.00 to be used for 10% FEMA matching funds for the G.T.C.  
12 Elementary School. The expenditure authority shall be the Commissioner of  
13 Education of the CNMI Public School System in consultation with the  
14 Principal or his/her designee.  
15 (f) \$25,000.00 for Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School operations for  
16 repair, reconstruction, and rebuilding. The expenditure authority shall be the  
17 Commissioner of Education of the CNMI Public School System or his/her  
18 designee.

19 (21) Various Projects in Precinct V \$300,000.00

- 20 (a) \$225,000.00 for the completion of the paving of Tangang Tangang Road in  
21 Papago and paving of Kama Street in Kagman III in Precinct V. The  
22 expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of Public  
23 Works.

1 (b) \$25,000.00 for Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School for the repair,  
2 reconstruction, and rebuilding of facilities. The expenditure authority shall  
3 be the Commissioner of Education of the CNMI Public School System or  
4 his/her designee.

5 (c) \$25,000.00 for Chacha Oceanview Middle School for repair, reconstruction,  
6 and rebuilding of facilities and for operations. The expenditure authority  
7 shall be the Commissioner of Education of the CNMI Public School System  
8 or his/her designee.

9 (d) \$25,000.00 for Kagman Elementary School for the repair, reconstruction,  
10 and rebuilding of facilities and for operations. The expenditure authority  
11 shall be the Commissioner of Education of the CNMI Public School System  
12 or his/her designee.

13 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

14 Unless specified under Section 2 of this Act, for the funds appropriated under Section 2 of  
15 this Act, the expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of Finance.

16 **SECTION 4. REPORTING.**

17 The expenditure authorities shall submit to the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern  
18 Islands Legislative Delegation a detailed report showing the expenditure of the funds at the  
19 completion of appropriations in Section 2 of this Act.

20 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

21 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or  
22 circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this

Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

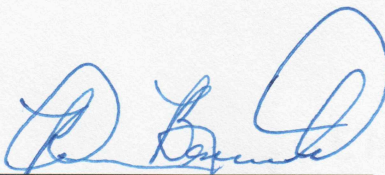
**SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

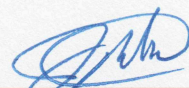
This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under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

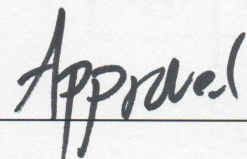
**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

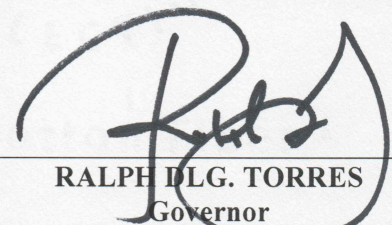
This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming law without such approval.

**CERTIFIED BY:**

  
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**ROMAN C. BENAVENTE**  
Acting Chairman  
Saipan & Northern Islands  
Legislative Delegation

  
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**JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN**  
Acting Speaker  
House of Representatives

  
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on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2019.

  
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**RALPH DLG. TORRES**  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands