

**RALPH DLG. TORRES**  
Governor



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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**10 JUL 2020**

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

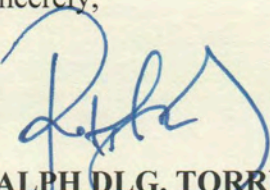
The Honorable Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-First Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:


This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 21-49, S1, D1**, entitled, "To appropriate unobligated revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

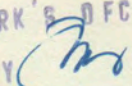
This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 21-16**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.




Sincerely,

  
**RALPH DLG. TORRES**  
Governor

cc: Lt. Governor; Senate President; Press Secretary; Mayor of Saipan; Northern Islands Mayor; Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council; SHEFA Chairperson; Commonwealth Zoning Board; CNMI Museum; CNMI Cannabis Commission; Secretary of Finance; Commonwealth Law Revision; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs & Legislative Review

  
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**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION  
TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2020**

**HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 21-49, S1, D1**

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

To appropriate unobligated revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended; and for other purposes.

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**Offered by Representatives:**

Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, John Paul P. Sablan and Ralph N. Yumul

On May 21, 2020

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**HOUSE ACTION**

Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on

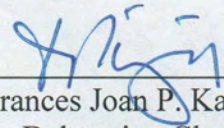
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**DELEGATION ACTION**

Referred To	: None
Comments Solicited	: None
Comments Received	: None
Standing Committee Report	: None
Passed First & Final Reading	: June 18, 2020

  
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Frances Joan P. Kaipat  
Delegation Clerk





**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION**  
**Third Senatorial District**  
**Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature**

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 2020**

**HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 21-49, S1, D1**

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

To appropriate unobligated revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended; and for other purposes.

**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 unobligated local funds from the revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 (poker fees).

**SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates \$1,743,000.00 of the unobligated funds collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended as follows:

(1) \$875,000.00 for the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance (SHEFA), provided however that \$250,000.00 shall be reserved for SHEFA personnel and operations, expenditure authority shall be the SHEFA Chairperson of the Board or his/her designee in concurrence with the SHEFA Board;



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1 (2) \$650,000.00 for the Saipan Mayors Office for personnel and operations,  
2 expenditure authority shall be the Mayor of Saipan or his/her designee;

3 (3) \$50,000.00 for the Northern Islands Mayors Office for personnel and  
4 operations, expenditure authority shall be the Mayor of the Northern Islands or his/her  
5 designee;

6 (4) \$30,000.00 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council for  
7 personnel and operations, expenditure authority shall be the Chairperson of the  
8 Municipal Council or his/her designee.

9 (5) \$75,000.00 for the Commonwealth Zoning Board for personnel and  
10 operations, expenditure authority shall be the Administrator of the Commonwealth  
11 Zoning Board or his/her designee;

12 (6) \$38,000.00 for the CNMI Museum for personnel and operations, expenditure  
13 authority shall be the Executive Director or his/her designee; and

14 (7) \$25,000.00 for the CNMI Cannabis Commission for office equipment and  
15 renovations. The expenditure authority for the funds allocated herein shall be the  
16 Managing Director of the Cannabis Commission.

17 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

18 Unless specified in this Act the expenditure authority of the funds allocated under Section  
19 2 of this Act shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance; provided that the expenditure  
20 authorities under Sections 2 and 4 of this Act shall submit reports to the Secretary of Finance  
21 and the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation or their respective  
22 designees of the expended funds on a monthly basis. Failure to provide monthly expenditure

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1 reports to the Secretary of Finance and the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands  
2 Legislative Delegation or their respective designees of the expenditures shall result in a  
3 suspension of the distribution of any funds under this Act and any other future funds appropriated  
4 to the respective entities until all required information is submitted to the Secretary of Finance  
5 and the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

**SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

**SECTION 5. FISCAL YEAR.**

11 The funds appropriated under this Act shall be appropriated without fiscal year  
12 limitation(s).

**SECTION 6. 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  
16 Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it  
17 is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

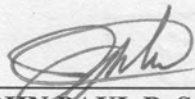
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1 have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which  
2 shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

3 **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**CERTIFIED BY:**



JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN

Chairman

Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation

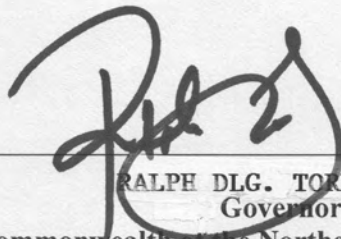


BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO

Speaker

House of Representatives

*Approved* on this *10<sup>th</sup>* day of *July*, 2020.



RALPH DLG. TORRES  
Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands