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COMMONWEALTH of the NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
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April 18, 2020

The Honorable Victor B. Hocog
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The Senate
Twenty-First Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

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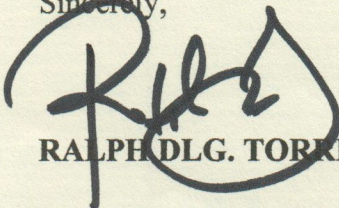
The Honorable Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao
Speaker
House of Representatives
Twenty-First Northern Marianas
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Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

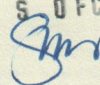
This is to inform you that I have signed into law **Senate Local Bill No. 21-05** entitled, "To officially rename Kammer Beach in Tinian as "Jones Beach" as a tribute to the life and memory of the late Kenneth Thomas Jones, Jr., pursuant to Chapter 4, Division 1, Title 1 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes." which was passed by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

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



Sincerely,


RALPH DLG. TORRES

cc: Lt. Governor; Press Secretary; Attorney General's Office; Mayor of Tinian; Office of Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review

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**TINIAN & AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2019**

SENATE LOCAL BILL NO. 21-05

**A LOCAL BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

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Offered by

Senators Jude U. Hofschneider, Francisco M. Borja and Francisco Q. Cruz

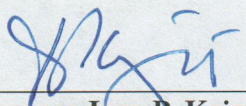
on September 26, 2019

SENATE ACTION

Transmitted to Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action on December 27, 2019

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to	:	None
Comments Solicited	:	12/27/19 - Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan & Chairman, Tinian & Aguiguan Municipal Council [Ref. Delegation Matter 21-39 & 21-40] 01/8/2020 - Attorney General Manibusan [Ref. Delegation Matter 21-44]
Comments Received	:	10/1/19 - Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan [Ref. Mayor's Comm. 21-49] 10/2/19 & 1/13/2020 - Chairman, Tinian & Aguiguan Municipal Council [Ref. TAMC Comm. 21-14 & 21-16]
Standing Committee Report Passed First & Final Reading	:	None March 6, 2020



**Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk**



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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION PURSUANT
TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation
2 (TALD) finds that the Seventeenth Tinian Municipal Council (TMC) adopted Resolution No.
3 17TMC-003, entitled “A dedication request to the 21st Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative
4 Delegation to officially name Jones Beach as a tribute to the life and memory of the late
5 Kenneth Thomas Jones, Jr.,” on July 17, 2019 at its Fifth Regular Session. Mr. Kenneth
6 Thomas Jones, Jr. (Ken Jones) was a U.S. Navy Seabee and a combat veteran of World War II
7 in the Pacific who established various businesses in Guam and the Marianas after the war.

8 The TALD further finds that in the 1960s, Ken Jones established a 7,500-acre cattle
9 ranch known as the “Bar K Ranch” in Tinian. During the Ken Jones era (1960’s and 70’s),
10 there were over 7,000 beef cattle, 1,000 milking cows, along with thousands of hogs,
11 pineapples, and many other crops in Tinian. The meat, produce, and milk products grown on
12 Tinian during this time were mainly shipped to Guam to supply the United States military
13 markets and J&G Payless supermarkets. Time and time again, Tinian has served as the bread
14 basket of the Marianas during the Ken Jones era.

15 The TALD agrees with the intent of TMC Resolution No. 17TMC-003 and finds it
16 proper and fitting to memorialize the life and memory of Kenneth Thomas Jones, Jr. for all his

1 contributions to the people and community of Tinian and the Commonwealth of the Northern
2 Mariana Islands as outlined in the TMC resolution. Accordingly, the purpose of this legislation
3 is to officially rename Kammer Beach in Tinian as “Jones Beach” as a tribute to the life and
4 memory the late Kenneth Thomas Jones, Jr.

5 **Section 2. Naming of the Kenneth Thomas Jones, Jr. Beach Park.** The beach
6 currently known as Kammer Beach in Tinian shall officially be renamed as “Jones Beach”.

7 **Section 3. Dedication.** The Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan shall, in consultation and
8 coordination with the honoree’s family, prepare and carry out an official dedication ceremony
9 befitting the intent and purpose of this legislation. The official dedication shall comport with
10 appropriate official protocols and decorum that signifies the honor and solemnity that is
11 consistent with the intent of 17TMC-003. The Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan shall implement
12 the dedication within six months following the effective date of this Act.

13 **Section 4. Authorization.** The Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation directs and
14 authorizes the Mayor of Tinian to use his official representation allowance to purchase and
15 install a permanent bronze plate bearing the name of “**Jones Beach**” Further, the Mayor of
16 Tinian & Aguiguan and the Seventeenth Tinian Municipal Council are hereby officially
17 requested to join host a light reception with the Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation on
18 the date of the dedication ceremony. The Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan and the Seventeenth
19 Tinian Municipal Council are further authorized to mobilize all other resources necessary to
20 carry out forthwith the intent and purpose of this Act.

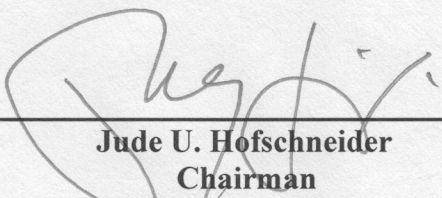
21 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
22 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
23 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
24 circumstances other than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

25 **Section 6. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
26 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
27 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers
28 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law.
29 The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying,
30 any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes

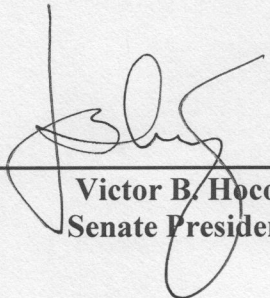
1 effective.

2 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
3 Governor or becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

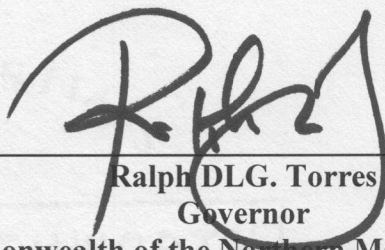


Jude U. Hofschneider
Chairman
Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation



Victor B. Hocog
Senate President

Approval this 18th day of APRIL, 2020.



Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands