



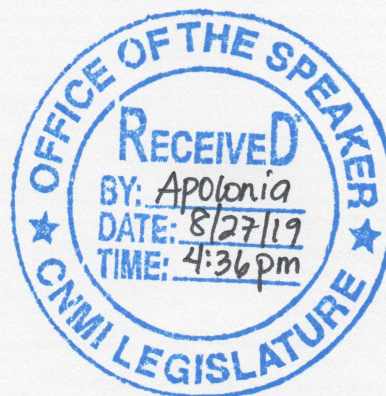
RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor

ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH of the NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

27 AUG 2019

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



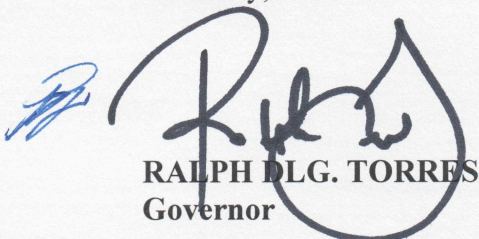
The Honorable Victor B. Hocog
Senate President, The Senate
Twenty-First Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

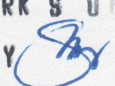
This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Bill No. 21-71**, entitled, "To amend Public Law 21-3.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 21-6**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor

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

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*Twenty-First Legislature
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

AUGUST 9, 2019

REPRESENTATIVE BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Ivan A. Blanco, Joel C. Camacho, Luis John DLG. Castro, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Janet U. Maratita, Marco T. Peter, John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

H. B. No. 21-71

AN ACT

To amend Public Law 21-3.

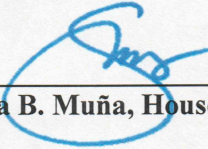
The Bill was not referred to a House Committee.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON
FIRST AND FINAL READING, AUGUST 9, 2019;**
without amendments and transmitted to the
THE SENATE.

The Bill was not referred to a Senate Committee.

THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, AUGUST 15, 2019;
without amendments and was returned to
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON AUGUST 9, 2019.



Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



*Twenty-First Legislature
of the
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECOND DAY, SECOND REGULAR SESSION

AUGUST 9, 2019

H. B. No. 21-71

AN ACT

To amend Public Law 21-3.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN
MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The purpose of this Act is to make the
2 amendment requested by the Acting Governor in his July 26, 2019 Letter to
3 specify the purpose and use of the MPLT loan in Section 101 set forth in Section 2
4 of Public Law 21-3 and to make Section 101 consistent with Section 102 on the
5 term of the loan.

6 **Section 2. Amendment.** Section 2 of Public Law 21-3 is amended as
7 follows:

HOUSE BILL 21-71

“Section 2. Authorization of Loan.”

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2 **§101.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
3 Commonwealth Government, through the Governor and the Secretary of
4 Finance, is authorized to enter into a loan agreement with the Marianas
5 Public Land Trust in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000, at an interest
6 rate not to exceed 7.5% per annum for a term of five years, unless a longer
7 term is agreed to, on such terms as are mutually agreed upon by the
8 Marianas Public Land Trust and the Commonwealth Government. The loan
9 shall be used to pay emergency disaster relief and recovery expenses
10 incurred by the Commonwealth as a result of the devastation caused by
11 Super Typhoon Yutu including reimbursement of such expenses that have
12 been paid by the Commonwealth.”


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


18 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein
19 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or
20 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted
21 under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding

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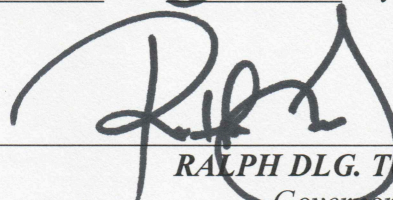
1 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have
2 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal,
3 which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

4 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval
5 by the Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

Attested to by: 
Linda B. Muña, House Clerk

Certified by: 
SPEAKER BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO
House of Representatives
21st Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Approved this 27th day of August, 2019


RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands