

A LOCAL BILL FOR AN ACT

To rename the Kualidat Meat Processing Center on Tinian as the “Ramon M. Dela Cruz Food Processing Center”; and for other purposes.

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 and Aguiguan Legislative
2 Delegation (TALD) finds that the legacy and commitment of ranching on the island of
3 Tinian has maintained its expansion and interest over the years through the selfless
4 service and passionate advocacy by the Honorable Ramon M. Dela Cruz who deserves
5 honorable recognition by the people of Tinian for generations to come.

6 The TALD also finds that with more than 40 years of public service, the
7 Honorable Ramon M. Dela Cruz has admirably served the people of Tinian and the
8 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. During his years of public service, the
9 Honorable Ramon M. Dela Cruz has served as an Administrative Officer under the
10 Department of Agriculture-Tinian, Director of the Department of Commerce and Labor-
11 Tinian, a member of the Senate during the 3rd and 4th Northern Marianas Commonwealth
12 Legislature, Chief Executive Officer under the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and
13 Aguiguan, Capital Improvement Project Manager for the island of Tinian, Special
14 Assistant of Tinian Affairs, Committee Consultant of the Senate, Director of Marianas
15 Public Land Corporation, Director of Tinian Gaming Promotion, Mayor of the
16 Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan, and a member of the Commonwealth Casino
17 Commission.

18 During his tenure as the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan, the Honorable Ramon
19 M. Dela Cruz spearheaded the first Marianas Grazing Academy, which laid the

1 foundation of the revival of cattle grazing by our local residents. This great opportunity
2 led to the discussion and collaboration between leaders and cattle grazers to acquire a
3 slaughterhouse that would be suitable for the establishment of beef production on Tinian.

4 The TALD further finds that the Tinian Cattleman’s Association was established
5 to represent and advocate the best interest of the ranchers on Tinian as part of a unified
6 mission to revive its beef industry, spearheaded by the Honorable Ramon M. Dela Cruz
7 with the support of fellow ranchers from Tinian. Through the tremendous efforts of the
8 Tinian Cattleman’s Association, and most notably the dedication and commitment of the
9 Honorable Ramon M. Dela Cruz to see this endeavor through, and in collaboration with
10 the Tinian leadership, a U.S. Department of Agriculture certified slaughterhouse was
11 procured in 2018.

12 The TALD agrees that through the admiration and passion of the skillful trait of
13 ranching and the acquired techniques that have been shared from one generation of
14 ranchers to the next, that the renaming of the Kualidat Meat Processing Center in
15 recognition of the significant contributions made by the Honorable Ramon M. Dela Cruz
16 to the ranching industry is an exceptional symbol of gratitude by the people of Tinian.

17 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to honor and commemorate the Honorable
18 Ramon M. Dela Cruz’s vast comprehension of ranching and his genuine passion to serve
19 in the interests of a sustainable future for the people of Tinian by renaming the Kualidat
20 Meat Processing Center to be the “Ramon M. Dela Cruz Food Processing Center”

21 **Section 2. Amendment.** Title 1, Chapter 4, Article 4 of the Commonwealth Code
22 is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

23 “§ xxx. **Tinian: Naming of the Ramon M. Dela Cruz Kualidat Food**
24 **Processing Center.** The Kualidat Meat Processing Center on Tinian is hereby renamed
25 the “Ramon M. Dela Cruz Food Processing Center”.

26 **Section 3. Dedication.** The Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan, in consultation with
27 the Honorable Ramon M. Dela Cruz, shall prepare a plan of dedication including, at a
28 minimum, the construction and placement of a sign, with an appropriate ceremony in an

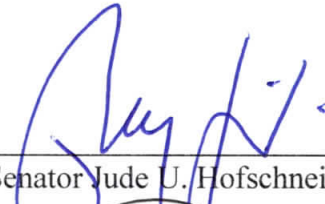
1 ideal designated area of the facility within a reasonable time after the effective date of
2 this Act.

3 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not
4 be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under
5 statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.
6 Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or
7 pursuant to prior law. The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating,
8 or in any way modifying, any liability civil or criminal, which shall already be in
9 existence at the date this Act becomes effective.


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

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Date: 12/15/2021


Introduced By: 

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider



Senator Francisco Q. Cruz

Senator Karl R. King-Nabors

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:


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