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Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedures and the authority under the NMI Constitution, the Speaker of the House of Representatives announces that the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

Meeting: House of Representatives First Day, First Special Session
Date and Time: Friday, April 14, 2023, at 2:00 PM
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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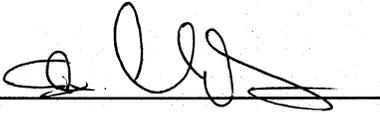
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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EDMUND SABLAN VILLAGOMEZ
SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

DATE : 10 April 2023
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 1st Day, 1st Special Session

Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the **1st Day, First Special Session for Friday, 14 April 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL SESSION 2023

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1st Day, First Special Session	Friday, April 14, 2023	2:00 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

Sixth Day, First Regular Session Journal – March 17, 2023

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. House Bills:

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. No. 23-10

To re-appropriate Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$11,246.00) allotted under Tinian Local Law 18-09; Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$14,159.00) allotted under Tinian Local Law 19-13; Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars (\$30,882.00) from Tinian Local Law 19-15; One Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$191.00) from Tinian Local Law 20-9; Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from Tinian Local Law 20-17; and One Thousand Forty Dollars (\$1,040.00) from Tinian Local Law 20-17; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*)

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions:

B. *House Joint Resolutions:*

C. *House Commemorative Resolutions:*

D. *House Concurrent Resolutions:*

6. **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

GOV. COMM. 23-18: (4/1/2023 *received 4/4/2023*) Informing the House of his nomination of Mr. James S. Sirok to serve as a member of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) representing the Third Senatorial District. [*Deadline: 7/3/2023*]

GOV. COMM. 23-19: (4/10/2023) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 23-1, (*To amend 7 CMC §4101 to lower the interest rate of civil money judgments from nine percent (9%) to three percent (3%).*). Became **Public Law 23-1** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 23-20: (4/10/2023) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 23-6, (*To amend 4 CMC § 8112 to prioritize net metering to include public libraries; and for other purposes.*). Became **Public Law 23-02** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 23-21: (4/10/2023) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 23-10, HD1, (*To amend 8 CMC §1204, as amended by Public Law 22-25, to create an exemption to the requirement that a marriage certificate include the “places of residence”.*). Became **Public Law 23-03** [*For info*]

7. **SENATE COMMUNICATIONS**

SEN. COMM. 23-11: (4/10/2023) Returning H. B. No. 23-31, HS1, entitled, “*To repeal and re-enact Public Law 22-22 in order to make revised appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and independent programs, and to provide revised budget authority for government corporations for the Fiscal Year 2023; and for other purposes.*”, which was passed by the Senate with amendments on April 10, 2023, in the form of **H. B. No. 23-31, HS1, SS2**. [*For action on Senate amendments*]

8. **HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS**

HSE. COMM. 23-33: (3/23/2023) From Representative Aldan informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business beginning April 3, 2023—April 7, 2023 and request to be excused from any and all official functions during his absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 23-34: (3/27/2023) From Representative Yangetmai informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on official business beginning April 3, 2023—April 10, 2023 and request to be excused from any and all official functions during her absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 23-35: (4/5/2023) From Representative Omar informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business beginning April 10, 2023—April 17, 2023 and request to be excused from any and all official functions during his absence. [*For info*]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – (None)

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES – (None)

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 23-21: (3/28/2023) From the 17th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council re: *FY 2024 Budget Plan*. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 23-22: (3/29/2023) From the Legislative Bureau submitting *FY 2024 Budget Proposal to the Office of Management and Budget*. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 23-23: (3/30/2023) Commonwealth Casino Commission (Commission) re: *FY 2024 Budget Appropriation Request*. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 23-24: (4/10/2023) From the CEO, Commonwealth HealthCare Corporation (CHCC) to the governor re: *CHCC request additional funding to sustain the operations of the Health Network Program (HNP) in excess of the appropriation from the general fund*. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 23-25: (4/10/2023) Transmitting a certified copy of RLD Commemorative Resolution No. 23-01, entitled, “*Honoring the distinguished life of Vicente Mendiola Calvo and his unselfish contributions that benefited the entire Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.*”, which was adopted by the Rota Legislative Delegation on March 31, 2023. [*For info*]

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

S. C. R. NO. 23-9: Reporting on H. L. B. No. 23-7 entitled: “To appropriate \$65,000 of the Rota Poker License Fees Account (specifically under BU 3302) and for other purposes.” *Your House Committee on Ways and Means recommends that H. L.B. No. 23-7, as D1* entitled: “*To appropriate \$52,500 of the Rota Poker License Fees Account (specifically under BU 3302) and for other purposes.*”, be transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation (RLD) for its action.

S. C. R. NO. 23-10: Reporting on H. L. B. No. 23-9 entitled: “To appropriate un-obligated funds under Saipan Local Law 23-01; and for other purposes.” *Your House Committee on Ways and Means recommends that H. L.B. No. 23-9*, be transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) for its action.

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES – (None)

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (None)

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action
H. RES. NO. 23-6, HD1	A House Resolution to amend the House of Representatives Rules of Procedure that was adopted on January 9 th , 2023; and for other purposes.	

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action

17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY: 1st Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

Appearance of measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on March 31, 2023:

H. B. NO. 23-32: To establish a scholarship for residents attending international colleges/universities or technical education programs. Introduced by REP. MANNY G. T. CASTRO of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Diego V. F. Camacho, Malcom J. Omar, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on March 31, 2023; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Education.

H. B. NO. 23-33: To improve standards in bail proceedings by establishing bail procedures, authorizing denial of bail, imposing conditions of release and protecting victims. Introduced by REP. MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Julie M. A. Ogo, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on March 31, 2023; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations

H. B. NO. 23-34: To establish and authorize the use of legend drugs and controlled substances for euthanasia by animal control agencies and humane societies. Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Vincent R.S. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Julie M. A. Ogo, Malcom J. Omar, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on March 31, 2023; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Health and Welfare.

[ADDED-3/31/2023] H. B. NO. 23-35: To enact a provision to provide tax incentives for employers who hire individuals with special needs. Introduced by REP. THOMAS J. DLC. MANGLONA of Saipan, Precinct 5 and REP. DIEGO V. F. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for themselves*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Julie M. A. Ogo, Malcom J. Omar, and John Paul P. Sablan) on March 31, 2023; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means and to the House Committee on Health and Welfare.

[ADDED-3/31/2023] H. B. NO. 23-36: To amend 9 CMC §8209 by removing the seven-day grace period for motorists who violate 9 CMC §§8203 and 8204; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH A. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representative Thomas J. DIC. Manglona) on March 31, 2023; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

[ADDED-3/31/2023] H. B. NO. 23-37: To amend the Department of Public Safety's time period to produce police traffic and criminal investigation reports from 10 days to 3 days. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH A. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representative Thomas J. DIC. Manglona) on March 31, 2023; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

[ADDED-3/31/2023] H. B. NO. 23-38: To establish provisions for jaywalking; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH A. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representative Thomas J. DIC. Manglona) on March 31, 2023; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

[ADDED-3/31/2023] H. B. NO. 23-39: To establish a tax credit for monetary donations/contributions made to public hospitals and/or clinics. Introduced by REP. THOMAS J. DLC. MANGLONA of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joseph and Malcom J. Omar) on March 31, 2023; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means and to the House Committee on Health and Welfare.

[ADDED-3/31/2023] H. B. NO. 23-40: To amend the crime of misuse of financial instruments to include debit cards and assign a punishment. Introduced by REP. MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*) on March 31, 2023; referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations on April 3, 2023.

[ADDED-3/31/2023] H. B. NO. 23-41: To establish an excise tax for beletnut/areca nut and lime mix/*afok*/or *bweesch*. Introduced by REP. MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*) on March 31, 2023; referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on April 3, 2023.

[ADDED-3/31/2023] H. L. B. NO. 23-9: To appropriate un-obligated funds under Saipan Local Law 23-01; and for other purposes. Prefiled by: REP. BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Malcom J. Omar, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on March 31, 2023; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.