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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

June 25, 2025

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

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez Speaker House of Representatives Twenty-Fourth 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. 24-16, entitled "To reappropriate Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26 and re-appropriate Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 23-10; and for other purposes.," which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This Bill becomes Saipan Local Law 24-03. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

DAVID M. APATA

Acting Governor

Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision Commission; cc: Public Auditor; Acting Special Assistant for Administration; Secretary of Finance; Secretary, DLNR; Programs and Legislative Review Office



SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2025

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-16

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

To re-appropriate Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26 and re-appropriate Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 23-10; and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Representatives John Paul P. Sablan, Daniel I. Aquino, Jr., Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Diego V.F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, and Edmund S. Villagomez Introduced on June 11, 2025

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on June 11, 2025

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to: Comments Solicited:

None 6/12/25 Mayor of Saipan [Del. Matters 24-30] Mayor of Northern Islands [Del. Matters 24-31] 18th SNIMC [Del. Matters 24-32]

Comments Received: Standing Committee Report: Passed First & Final Reading: None None June 18, 2025

Baybie Sn. Hocog Acting Delegation Clerk



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

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000.00)
allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, Section 2 (r) (1) and re-appropriate Twenty-Five
Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 23-10, Section 2 (b) for projects
in Precinct II.
SECTION 2. RE-APPROPRIATION.

Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws or regulations to the contrary, the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation hereby re-appropriates the amount of Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, Section 2 (r) (1) and re-

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appropriate Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 23-10,
Section 2 (b) for Precinct II, including but not limited to:
1. Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000.00) to the Division of Parks and Recreation to
purchase a riding mower to maintain Commonwealth parks and recreational facilities
in Precinct II.
2. Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to the Division of Parks and Recreation
for the maintenance and improvements of the Commonwealth parks and recreational
facilities in Precinct II.
SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY
The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2 (1) and (2) of this Act shall be the
Director of Parks and Recreation in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Lands
and Natural Resources.
SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.
Notwithstanding any laws, provisions or regulations to the contrary, funds appropriated
under this Act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose.
SECTION 5. REPORTING.
The expenditure authority shall submit to the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern
Islands Legislative Delegation a detail report showing the expenditure of the funds at the
completion of appropriations in Section 2 of this Act.
SECTION 6. FUND DISTRIBUTION.
Funds appropriated under Section 2 of this Act shall be distributed accordingly to the
intended purpose and or entity upon this Act becoming law.

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Saipan Local Law No. 24-03 HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-16 The funds allocated under this Act shall be without fiscal year limitation(s).

SECTION 7. FISCAL YEAR.

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3 **SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY.**

4 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or 5 circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act 6 or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held 7 invalid shall not be affected thereby.

8 **SECTION 9. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

9 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing 10 right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or 11 order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding 12 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of 13 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in 14 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

15 **SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or it becoming law without 17 such approval.

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CERTIFIED BY:

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John Paul P. Sablan Chairman Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation

Edmund S. Villagomez Speaker 24th House of Representatives

Proved this 25th day of Time , 2025.

DAVID M. APATANG ACTING GOVERNOR Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands