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THE SENATE

Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
P. O. Box 500129
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August 14, 2025

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
House of Representatives
24th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Speaker Villagomez:


I have the honor of returning with amendments House Concurrent Resolution No. 24-2, entitled, "To Define and Identify General Revenue and Approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC, Division 7, for Fiscal Year 2026, beginning October 1, 2025, and ending on September 30, 2026." The Senate adopted by the unanimous vote, a quorum being present, House Concurrent Resolution No. 24-2, SS1, entitled, " To approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as identified under Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and Title 1, Division 7, of the Commonwealth Code, for Fiscal Year 2026, beginning October 1, 2025, and ending on September 30, 2026, in its 2nd Day, Second Regular Session on August 13, 2025.

Sincerely,


Dolores S. Bermudes
Senate Clerk

Attachment

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TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2025

Fourth Special Session, 2025

H. Con. Res. 24-2, SS1

A HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as identified under Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and Title 1, Division 7, of the Commonwealth Code, for Fiscal Year 2026, beginning October 1, 2025, and ending on September 30, 2026.

1 **WHEREAS**, under Article III, Section 9(a) of the Commonwealth
2 Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC §§ 7201, 7202 and 7203, the governor shall
3 submit to the Legislature a proposed annual balanced budget for the following
4 Fiscal Year and the proposed balanced budget shall describe anticipated revenues
5 of the Commonwealth and recommend expenditures of Commonwealth funds; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Governor Arnold I. Palacios has identified projected resources
7 of \$179,701,969 for the Commonwealth Government and related agencies for
8 Fiscal Year 2026 in his proposed budget transmittal letter dated April 1, 2025, plus
9 \$4,892,548 for the Department of Public Lands; and

10 **WHEREAS**, for purposes of appropriation, the Legislature identifies
11 “Special Revenues” for Fiscal Year 2026, which are designated as earmarked funds,
12 debt service payments, and the contractual obligation under the Settlement Fund

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1 Agreement, and hereby approves the amount of \$127,488,966 and the Department
2 of Public Lands allocation of \$4,892,548, totaling \$132,381,514 for appropriation;

3 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the House of
4 Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth
5 Legislature, the Senate concurring, that revenues for Fiscal Year 2026, beginning
6 October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, as submitted by the Governor
7 and reviewed by the Legislature, are hereby approved as follows:

8	I. The total identified budgetary resources for FY 2026:	<u>\$179,701,969</u>
9	Department of Public Lands:	\$4,892,548
10	Total Revenue Including DPL:	<u>\$184,594,517</u>
11	II. This amount is subject to the following adjustments:	
12	(A) Less Special Revenue Earmarks (Unsuspending):	
13	1) MVA – Hotel (80%) 4 CMC §1803	<u>(\$7,085,234)</u>
14	Notwithstanding 4 CMC § 2159(a):	
15	(a) First Senatorial District	\$175,000
16	(b) Second Senatorial District	\$175,000
17	(c) Third Senatorial District	\$175,000
18	(d) MVA Trust Fund	\$6,560,234
19	2) IDC Reimbursement to Office of Grants Management	
20	35%, 1 CMC § 2893	<u>(\$937,843)</u>
21	3) Vehicle Registration Fees, 9 CMC § 2118	<u>(\$807,684)</u>

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1	4) Admiralty and Maritime Fees, 2 CMC § 1222	<u>(\$4,323)</u>
2	5) Weapon Fees, PL19-73, 6 CMC § 10902	<u>(\$23,925)</u>
3	6) Corporation Fees, 4 CMC § 4205	<u>(\$101,698)</u>
4	7) Solid Waste Fund (7%) of Ex. Tax, 4 CMC §1402(g)(1)	<u>(\$1,380,046)</u>
5	<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>(\$10,340,753)</u>
6	(B) Less Debt Services:	
7	(1) 2007A Refunding Bond Payment	<u>(\$3,618,500)</u>
8	(2) 2007B Refunding Bond Payment	<u>(\$3,361,750)</u>
9	(3) 2024A Pension Obligation Note Payment (BOG)	<u>(\$5,892,000)</u>
10	(4) Settlement Fund Agree., Doc. 468-1, 1 CMC § 25302	<u>(\$29,000,000)</u>
11	<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>(\$41,872,250)</u>
12	III. Total Resources and Department of Public Lands	
13	Resources available for appropriation:	\$132,381,514
14	(1) Department of Public Lands	\$4,892,548
15	(2) General Revenue Resources	\$127,488,966
16	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED , that the Speaker of the House of	
17	Representatives and the President of the Senate shall certify and the House Clerk	
18	and the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this concurrent	
19	resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to the	
20	Honorable David M. Apatang, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern	
21	Mariana Islands.	

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Prefiled: 7/8/2025

Date: _____

Introduced by: /s/ Rep. John Paul P. Sablan
/s/ Rep. Roy C.A. Ada
/s/ Rep. Vincent R. Aldan
/s/ Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao
/s/ Rep. Roman C. Benavente
/s/ Rep. Angelo A. Camacho
/s/ Rep. Diego V. F. Camacho
/s/ Rep. Joel C. Camacho
/s/ Rep. Joseph A. Flores
/s/ Rep. Marissa R. Flores
/s/ Rep. Thomas J. DLC. Manglona
/s/ Rep. Julie M. A. Ogo
/s/ Rep. Raymond U. Palacios
/s/ Rep. Elias J.M. Rangamar
/s/ Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas
/s/ Rep. Edmund S. Villagomez
/s/ Rep. Denita Kaipat Yangetmai
/s/ Rep. Ralph N. Yumul

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

/s/ Joseph L.G. Tajeron, Jr.
House Legal Counsel

Date: 7/8/2025