

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Session, 2026

H. Con. Res. 24- 4

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 2027, beginning October 1, 2026, and ending on September 30, 2027.

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 David M. Apatang has identified projected resources
7 of \$157,682,754 for the Commonwealth Government and related agencies for
8 Fiscal Year 2027 in his proposed budget transmittal letter dated May 1, 2026, plus
9 \$5,777,092 for the Department of Public Lands; and

10 **WHEREAS**, on July 1, 2026, Governor David M. Apatang transmitted a
11 Revised Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Submission, in the amount of \$152,835,208,
12 which presented revised budget scenarios in response to declining revenues,

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1 incorporating austerity measures and identifying critical funding needs due to the
2 aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku; and

3 **WHEREAS**, for purposes of appropriation and in line with the Revised
4 Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Submission submitted by Governor David M. Apatang,
5 the Legislature identifies “Special Revenues” for Fiscal Year 2027, which are
6 designated as earmarked funds, debt service payments, and the contractual
7 obligation under the Settlement Fund Agreement, and hereby approves the total
8 amount of \$97,282,364 available for appropriation, in addition to the Department
9 of Public Lands allocation of \$5,777,092; and

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the House of
11 Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth
12 Legislature, the Senate concurring, that revenues for Fiscal Year 2027, beginning
13 October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027, as submitted by the Governor
14 and reviewed by the Legislature, are hereby approved as follows:

15	I. The total identified budgetary resources for FY 2027:	<u>\$152,835,208</u>
16	Department of Public Lands:	\$5,777,092
17	Total Revenue Including DPL:	<u>\$158,612,300</u>
18	II. This amount is subject to the following adjustments:	
19	(A) Less Special Revenue Earmarks (Unsuspending):	
20	1) MVA – Hotel (80%) 4 CMC §1803	<u>(\$1,711,243)</u>

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1	2) Solid Waste Fund, Tipping/Disposal/User Fees Per	
2	PL 13-42 (2 CMC §3551)	<u>(\$643,966)</u>
3	3) IDC Reimbursement to Office of Grants Management	
4	35%, 1 CMC § 2893	<u>(\$686,639)</u>
5	4) Vehicle Registration Fees, 9 CMC § 2118	<u>(\$1,864,376)</u>
6	5) Operator License Fees (net)(PL20-90)	<u>(\$440,835)</u>
7	6) Admiralty and Maritime Fees, 2 CMC § 1222	<u>(\$178,430)</u>
8	7) Weapon Fees, PL19-73, 6 CMC § 10902	<u>(\$37,359)</u>
9	8) Corporation Fees, 4 CMC § 4205	<u>(\$236,804)</u>
10	9) Building Safety Code Fees (PL 06-45)	<u>(\$702,702)</u>
11	10) Solid Waste Fund (7%) of Ex. Tax, 4 CMC §1402(g)(1)	<u>(\$1,336,586)</u>
12	<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>(\$7,838,940)</u>
13	(B) Less Debt Services:	
14	(1) 2007A Refunding Bond Payment	<u>(\$3,621,750)</u>
15	(2) 2007B Refunding Bond Payment	<u>(\$3,327,750)</u>
16	(3) 2024A Pension Obligation Note Payment (BOG)	<u>(\$5,892,000)</u>
17	(4) MPLT 2025 Loan	<u>(\$5,475,209)</u>
18	(5) Bank Charges	<u>(\$2,397,196)</u>
19	(6) Settlement Fund Agree., Doc. 468-1, 1 CMC § 25302	<u>(\$27,000,000)</u>
20	<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>(\$47,713,905)</u>

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1 III. Total Resources and Department of Public Lands

2	Resources available for appropriation:	\$103,059,455
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3	(1) Department of Public Lands	(\$5,777,092)
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4 (2) General Revenue Resources \$97,282,364

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the House of
6 Representatives and the President of the Senate shall certify and the House Clerk
7 and the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this concurrent
8 resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to the
9 Honorable David M. Apatang, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern
10 Mariana Islands.

Prefiled: 8/14/2026

Date: _____

Introduced by:

Rep. John Paul P. Sablan

Reviewed for legal sufficiency by:

House Legal Counsel

Date: 8-14-26