

**TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH  
LEGISLATURE**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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Session, 2025

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**A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through its Governor, to submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development the Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Application No. B-25-ST69-0001, the Home Investment Partnership Grant Application No. M-25-ST69-0203, the National Housing Trust Fund Grant Application No. F-25-ST69-0203, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Application No. E-25-DC69-0001; to receive the funds requested therein; and to assume all responsibilities that may be imposed pursuant to those grants.

1           **WHEREAS**, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974,  
2 Public Law 93-383, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 5301 et seq., extends the  
3 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) assistance under Title I of the  
4 Act to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI); and

5           **WHEREAS**, the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of  
6 1990 (NAHA) was the first comprehensive piece of federal housing legislation  
7 since the early 1970s; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the NAHA was enacted for the purpose of meeting the needs  
9 of low- and moderate-income households, such as acquisition or construction of  
10 first-time homes, tenant-based rental assistance, loan guarantee funds, interest rate  
11 buy-downs, on and off-site improvements, closing cost assistance, relocation,

1 rehabilitation of existing owner-occupied residential units, and homebuyer costs  
2 for counseling of participating families; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Title II of the NAHA established the Home Investment  
4 Partnership Act (HOME), which provides annual federal grants to participating  
5 jurisdictions, including the CNMI; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the National Housing Trust Fund (HTF) is an affordable  
7 housing production program that complements existing Federal, state and local  
8 efforts to increase and preserve the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary affordable  
9 housing for extremely low-income and very low-income households, including  
10 homeless families; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program is  
12 authorized through the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to  
13 Housing Act of 2009, As Amended by S.896 Homeless Emergency Assistance  
14 and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the ESG program authorizes the United States Department  
16 of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to make grants to states, units of  
17 general purpose local government, and territories for the rehabilitation or  
18 conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters for the homeless, for the  
19 payment of certain expenses related to operating emergency shelters, for essential  
20 services related to emergency shelters and street outreach for the homeless, and  
21 for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing assistance; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) has  
2           been officially designated as the “Lead Agency” responsible for submitting grant  
3           applications to HUD and monitoring the grants; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the CDBG provides eligible states, cities, and counties with  
5           annual grants that can be used to revitalize neighborhoods, expand affordable  
6           housing and economic opportunities, and/or improve community facilities and  
7           public services, principally to benefit low and moderate-income persons; and

8           **WHEREAS**, virtually every community in the CNMI is in need of such  
9           assistance, thus demonstrating the Commonwealth’s dire need for CDBG  
10          assistance; and

11          **WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth's dire need for CDBG assistance is  
12          supported by statistics that show that more than four-fifths of Commonwealth  
13          residents are persons of low-and moderate-income under HUD standards; and

14          **WHEREAS**, HUD has allocated a total amount of \$1,496,147.00 for  
15          Program Year 2025 for the CNMI for CDBG, HOME, HTF, and ESG activities;  
16          and

17          **WHEREAS**, pursuant to CDBG Application No. B-25-ST-69-0001, the  
18          Commonwealth intends to use its allocation of \$980,125.00 in the manner  
19          specified in its application, consistent with the intent of the CDBG; and

20          **WHEREAS**, in order for the CNMI to avail of the aforementioned grant  
21          funding, the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature must duly adopt, as  
22          an official act, a resolution authorizing the filing of these applications and the  
23          receipt of grant funds.

1           **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the House of  
2           Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth  
3           Legislature, the Senate concurring, that the CNMI, through its Governor, is  
4           hereby authorized to submit CDBG Application No. B-25-ST69-0001 for the  
5           amount of \$980,125.00; HOME Grant Application No. M-25-ST69-0203 for the  
6           amount of \$407,723.00; HTF Application No. F-25-ST69-0203 for the amount of  
7           \$27,089.00; and ESG Application No. E-25-DC69-0001 for the amount of  
8           \$81,210.00; to receive the grant funds requested therein; and to assume all  
9           responsibilities that may be imposed pursuant to those grants; and

10           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the House and the  
11           President of the Senate shall certify and the House Clerk and the Senate  
12           Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this joint resolution and  
13           thereafter, transmit copies to the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern  
14           Mariana Islands and to the Board and Corporate Director of the Northern  
15           Marianas Housing Corporation for transmittal along with the aforementioned  
16           grant applications to the HUD Honolulu Field Office.


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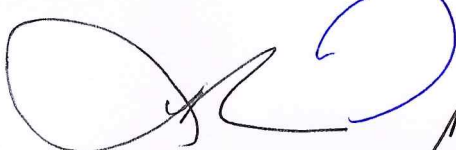
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Introduced By: \_\_\_\_\_

Rep. Joel C. Camacho

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

  
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House Legal Counsel

  
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