

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SESSION, 2025

H. Res. 24-16

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

To recognize and commend Project Buddy Check 670 for its unwavering dedication to empowering veterans and their families in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for its longstanding contributions to community service, unity, and the well-being of our veterans.

1 **WHEREAS**, the Legislature acknowledges that selfless service and
2 unwavering dedication to community upliftment, exemplified by those who
3 transition from serving in defense of freedom to championing wellness and
4 empowerment within our community, serve as a beacon of inspiration, igniting
5 within each of us a fervent desire to cultivate our passions and contribute
6 wholeheartedly to the flourishing of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
7 Islands (CNMI); and

8 **WHEREAS**, Project Buddy Check 670 was founded by veterans of the
9 CNMI, men and women from all branches of the United States Armed Forces, who
10 sought to preserve the camaraderie, accountability, and brotherhood that sustained
11 them during their military service; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, upon returning home, many of these veterans reconnected
2 through golf, which served both as recreation and therapy, and through these
3 gatherings, initiated the informal "buddy checks" that would evolve into a
4 movement dedicated to ensuring no veteran is left behind or suffers in silence; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the term "Buddy Check" originates from the U.S. Army,
6 referring to the practice of soldiers checking on their comrades to guarantee their
7 safety, readiness, and well-being, an act rooted in loyalty and trust that Project
8 Buddy Check 670 has carried forward into civilian life as a community-wide
9 mission of care, unity, and resilience; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 2023, the founding veterans formalized Project Buddy
11 Check 670 into a structured organization committed to "Empowering Veterans and
12 Their Families in the CNMI," adopting bylaws, establishing a governing board, and
13 initiating the process for 501(c)(3)/(c)(19) nonprofit recognition; and

14 **WHEREAS**, since its inception, Project Buddy Check 670 has become one
15 of the most active and respected veteran organizations in the CNMI, leading
16 numerous initiatives including the Veterans Victory Classic Golf Tournament, the
17 Annual Veterans Day Family Fun Day, peer-support outreach programs, and
18 fostering collaborative partnerships with the CNMI Veterans Affairs Office, VA
19 Pacific Islands Healthcare System, Wounded Warrior Project, Veterans of Foreign
20 Wars (VFW), Tan Holdings, the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, and US Delegate
21 Congresswoman Kimberlyn King-Hinds' Office; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Project Buddy Check 670 continues to strengthen families
2 and communities through inclusive outreach, family-oriented events, and the
3 promotion of wellness, advocacy, and education across the islands of Saipan,
4 Tinian, and Rota; and

5 **WHEREAS**, through its "Field of Heroes" initiative, in collaboration with
6 the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Project Buddy Check 670 honors the service and
7 sacrifice of military personnel, law enforcement officers, first responders, and
8 veterans who have dedicated themselves to protecting and serving the people of the
9 Commonwealth; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Project Buddy Check 670 exemplifies the enduring spirit of
11 service, resilience, and unity among CNMI veterans and their families, ensuring
12 that those who have served continue to lead, uplift, and safeguard their communities
13 with honor and dedication; and

14 **WHEREAS**, this August Body is honored and privileged to commend this
15 organization for its unwavering dedication, exemplary service, and impactful
16 contributions to empowering veterans and their families in the CNMI; and

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of
18 Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth
19 Legislature, that the House hereby recognizes and commends Project Buddy Check
20 670 for its unwavering dedication to empowering veterans and their families in the

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1 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for its longstanding
2 contributions to community service, unity, and the well-being of our veterans; and
3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the House of
4 Representatives shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this
5 resolution. Thereafter, the House Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to the
6 Officers and Members of Project Buddy Check 670; the Honorable David M.
7 Apatang, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the
8 Honorable Kimberlyn K. King-Hinds, CNMI Delegate to the U.S. House of
9 Representatives, 119th United States Congress; the Honorable Karl R. King-
10 Nabors, Senate President, 24th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature;
11 Honorable Ramon "RB" Jose B. Camacho, Mayor of Saipan; Honorable Edwin P.
12 Aldan, Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan; and Honorable Aubry M. Hocog, Mayor of
13 Rota.

Prefiled: 11/5/2025

Date: _____

Introduced by: _____


Rep. Thomas John DLC. Manglona

Reviewed for legal sufficiency by:


House Legal Counsel

Date: _____

