

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SESSION, 2026

H. Res. 24- 25

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

To Congratulate and Honor all the women in the Commonwealth as we celebrate their contributions and achievements during the month of March 2026 proclaimed as CNMI Women’s Month and March 8th as International Women’s Day.

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1977, the United Nation’s General Assembly adopted a
2 resolution calling all their member states to declare a day to commemorate
3 women’s rights and international peace; in line with this, the Commonwealth of the
4 Northern Mariana Islands proclaim March 2026 as CNMI Women’s Month and
5 March 8th, 2026 as International Women’s Day; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in 1979, the United Nations adopted the “Convention of the
7 Elimination of Discrimination against Women” (CEDAW), which provides a
8 mechanism for international governments to commit themselves to providing equal
9 opportunities for women in the political and public life, as well as in the
10 educational, health, and employment realms; and

11 **WHEREAS**, throughout our nation's history, women have persevered and
12 made sacrifices in the face of adversity, marginalization, and prejudice, all in
13 pursuit of fairness and equal rights in communities around the country; and

1 **WHEREAS**, CNMI Women's Month provides an opportunity to reflect on
2 the trailblazing women who have forged the way for change and their significant
3 contributions and impact on the history of the CNMI; and

4 **WHEREAS**, although women were previously regarded as inferior citizens
5 with limited rights, they currently occupy positions of authority and influence in
6 the CNMI. This encompasses participation in the CNMI Senate, CNMI House of
7 Representatives, the Judiciary, Municipal Councils, the Governor's Cabinet, local
8 Boards and Commissions, and the holding of executive roles such as Chief
9 Executive Officers and Chief Financial Officers; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the women of the CNMI are both current and former members
11 of the United States Armed Forces, who have courageously defended and continue
12 to defend the values and principles that we hold dear; and

13 **WHEREAS**, women in the CNMI have achieved notable success in various
14 professional fields, including medicine, law, accountancy, health, and education;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, this year, we will continue to commemorate the economic,
17 educational, political, and social accomplishments of women from the past, present,
18 and future; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the CNMI theme for the 2026 Women's Month is "**Leading**
20 **the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future**"; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the International Women’s Day, is a global day celebrating
2 the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women; The day also
3 marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the 2026 theme for International Women’s Day is “**Give to**
5 **Gain**”; and

6 **WHEREAS**, **Give To Gain** emphasizes the power of reciprocity and
7 support. When people, organizations, and communities give generously,
8 opportunities and support for women increase. Giving is not a subtraction, it's
9 intentional multiplication. When women thrive, we all rise; and

10 **WHEREAS**, we can all give our support to gain advancement for women
11 and girls; As individuals, giving support means calling out stereotypes, challenging
12 discrimination, questioning bias, celebrating women's success, and more. Giving
13 our support to help advance gender equality reinforces a sense of connection and
14 purpose. This creates an important ripple effect for spreading impact; and

15 **WHEREAS**, International Women’s Day is a chance to pay tribute to
16 women throughout the world and to reflect on the progress and achievements made
17 to advance women’s equality, celebrate the gains made by women in our society
18 and reflect on the challenges and barriers that women continue to face; and

19 **WHEREAS**, standing on the shoulders of the heroines who came before
20 them, today’s women and girls continue to carry forward the mission of ensuring
21 our daughters have the same opportunities as our sons; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the CNMI Women’s Association and the Women’s Affairs
2 Office reaffirms its continued commitment in advocating, guiding, and lighting the
3 way for the continued progress and prosperity of all women in the CNMI; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the CNMI Women’s Association and the Women’s Affairs
5 Office will be hosting a series of events during the month of March to reflect on the
6 extraordinary accomplishments of women and honor their role in shaping the
7 course of our island’s history;

8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of
9 Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth
10 Legislature that the House congratulates and honors all the Women in the
11 Commonwealth as we celebrate their contributions and achievements during the
12 month of March 2026 as CNMI Women’s Month and March 8th, 2026 as
13 International Women’s Day; and

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the House of
15 Representatives shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this
16 resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to Ms.
17 Lescheweisei Ogumoro-Uludong, President, CNMI Women’s Association; Mrs.
18 Barbara T. Sablan, Special Advisor, Women’s Affairs Office; Honorable David M.
19 Apatang, Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Honorable
20 Ramon “RB” B. Camacho, Mayor of Saipan; Honorable Edwin P. Aldan, Mayor
21 of Tinian and Aguiguan; Honorable Aubry M. Hocog, Mayor of Rota; Honorable


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- 1 Valentino Taisacan, Mayor of the Northern Islands; Honorable Marian DLG.
- 2 Tudela, Chairwoman, 18th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council;
- 3 Honorable Joseph E. Santos, Chairman, 20th Tinian Municipal Council; and
- 4 Honorable Jonovan H. Lizama, Chairman, 20th Rota Municipal Council.

Prefiled: 2/20/2020

Date: _____

Introduced by: _____


Rep. Denita Kaipat Yangetmai

Reviewed by:


House Legal Counsel

Date: 2-20-20