

**TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH**

**LEGISLATURE**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**SESSION, 2025**

**H. Res. 24-5**

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**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 2025 proclaimed as CNMI Women’s Month and March 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2025 as CNMI Women’s Month and  
5 March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 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 formerly perceived as inferior citizens  
5 with restricted 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**, empowering women and promoting gender equality is crucial  
20 to accelerating sustainable development; ending all forms of discrimination against  
21 women and girls is not only a basic human right, but also has a multiplier effect

1 across all other development areas; gender equality is a goal in its own right and a  
2 key factor for stable economic growth, social development, and environmental  
3 sustainability; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the CNMI theme for the 2025 Women’s Month is “**Moving**  
5 **forward together! Women educating & inspiring generations**”; and

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

9           **WHEREAS**, the 2025 theme for International Women’s Day is  
10 “**Accelerate Action for Rights, Equality, & Empowerment for ALL women**  
11 **and girls**”; and

12           **WHEREAS**, **Accelerate Action** is a worldwide call to acknowledge  
13 strategies, resources, and activity that positively impact women’s advancement, and  
14 to support and elevate their implementation; and

15           **WHEREAS**, focusing on the need to Accelerate Action emphasizes the  
16 importance of taking swift and decisive steps to achieve gender equality; It calls for  
17 increased momentum and urgency in addressing the systemic barriers and biases  
18 that women face, both in personal and professional spheres; and

19           **WHEREAS**, organizations and groups can **#AccelerateAction** in many  
20 areas including: forging women's economic empowerment; recruiting, retaining  
21 and developing diverse talent; supporting women and girls into leadership,

1 decision-making, business and STEM; designing and building infrastructure  
2 meeting the needs of women and girls; helping women and girls make informed  
3 decisions about their health; involving women and girls in sustainable agriculture  
4 and food security; providing women and girls with access to quality education and  
5 training; elevating women and girl's participation and achievement in sport;  
6 promoting creative and artistic talent of women and girls; addressing further areas  
7 supporting the advancement of women and girls; and

8           **WHEREAS**, International Women's Day is a chance to pay tribute to  
9 women throughout the world and to reflect on the progress and achievements made  
10 to advance women's equality, celebrate the gains made by women in our society  
11 and reflect on the challenges and barriers that women continue to face; and

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

15           **WHEREAS**, the CNMI Women's Association and the Women's Affairs  
16 Office reaffirms its continued commitment in advocating, guiding, and lighting the  
17 way for the continued progress and prosperity of all women in the CNMI; and

18           **WHEREAS**, the CNMI Women's Association and the Women's Affairs  
19 Office will be hosting a series of events during the month of March to reflect on the  
20 extraordinary accomplishments of women and honor their role in shaping the  
21 course of our island's history;

1           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of  
2 Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth  
3 Legislature that the House congratulates and honors all the women in the  
4 Commonwealth as we celebrate their contributions and achievements during the  
5 month of March 2025 as CNMI Women’s Month and March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as  
6 International Women’s Day; and

7           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the House of  
8 Representatives shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this  
9 resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to Ms.  
10 Lescheweisei Ogumoro-Uludong, President, CNMI Women’s Association; Mrs.  
11 Barbara T. Sablan, Special Advisor, Women’s Affairs Office; Honorable Arnold I.  
12 Palacios, Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Honorable  
13 Ramon “RB” B. Camacho, Mayor of Saipan; Honorable Edwin P. Aldan, Mayor  
14 of Tinian and Aguiguan; Honorable Aubry M. Hocog, Mayor of Rota; Honorable  
15 Valentino Taisacan, Mayor of the Northern Islands; Honorable Marian DLG.  
16 Tudela, Chairwoman, 18<sup>th</sup> Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council;  
17 Honorable Joseph E. Santos, Chairman, 20<sup>th</sup> Tinian Municipal Council; and  
18 Honorable Jonovan H. Lizama, Chairman, 20<sup>th</sup> Rota Municipal Council.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced by:   
Rep. Denita Kaipat Yangetmai

