



GOV. CONC. 24-125
(HOUSE)

David M. Apatang
Governor

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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March 12, 2026

The Honorable Donald M. Manglona
Chairman
Rota Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950



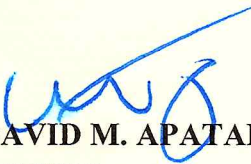
The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950


Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:


This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 24-51**, entitled “To appropriate Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the Rota Aging Program and the Rota DCCA Flame Tree Arts.”, which was passed by the Rota Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Rota Local Law No. 24-08**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


DAVID M. APATANG
Governor

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**ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2026**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-51

**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To appropriate Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the Rota Aging Program and the Rota DCCA Flame Tree Arts.

OFFERED BY

Representative Julie Marie A. Ogo

Introduced on February 25, 2026

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation for action on

February 26, 2026

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	2/26/26: Mayor of Rota [Del. Matters 24-55] & 20 th Rota Municipal Council [Del. Matters 24-56]
Comments Received:	3/3/26 Mayors Comm. 24-13
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed Final Reading:	March 4, 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "F. Kaipat".

**Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk**



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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this bill is to appropriate the local poker fees for the Rota Aging Program
3 and the Rota DCCA Flame Tree Arts Festival.

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

5 Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws, or regulations to the contrary, the Rota
6 Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates \$20,000 of the local poker fees to be used as follows:

7 (a) \$10,000 for the Rota Aging program and activities for Mes Man Amko; and

8 (b) \$10,000 for the Rota DCCA Flame Tree Arts Festival.

9 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

10 (a) The Rota Aging Program Coordinator shall be the expenditure authority of the funds

1 under Section 2(a).

2 (b) The Rota DCCA Resident Director shall be the expenditure authority of the funds
3 under Section 2(b).

4 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING AND NO FISCAL LIMITATION.**

5 Notwithstanding any laws, provisions, or regulations to the contrary, funds appropriated
6 under this Act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose. The funds appropriated under
7 this Act are not subject to a fiscal year limitation.

8 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

9 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or
10 circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act
11 or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held
12 invalid shall not be affected thereby.

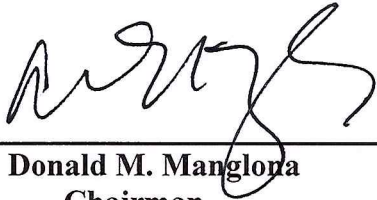
13 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

14 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing
15 right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or
16 order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
17 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of
18 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in
19 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

20 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or it becoming law without such
22 approval.

CERTIFIED BY:



Donald M. Manglona
Chairman
Rota Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
24th House of Representatives

Approved this *12th* day of *March*, 2026.



David M. Apatang
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands