

David M. Apatang
Governor



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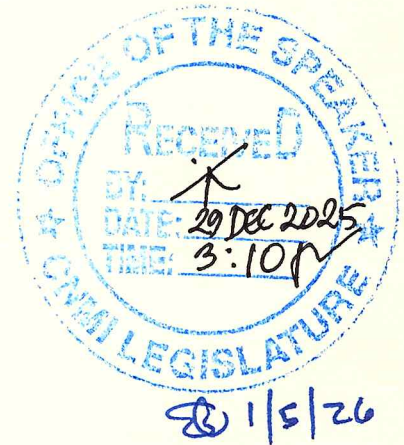
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

December 29, 2025

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The Honorable John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Karl R. King-Nabors
President
The Senate; Twenty-Fourth Northern
Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950




Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. President:


This is to inform you that I have signed into law **Senate Local Bill No. 24-02**, entitled "To rename part of Routes 30 and Route 33 "Governor Arnold I. Palacios Memorial Highway" in honor of the former late Governor Arnold I. Palacios; and for other purposes.," which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This Bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 24-16**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


DAVID M. APATANG
Governor

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Mayor of Northern Islands; Programs and Legislative Review



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2025**

SENATE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-02

**A LOCAL BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To rename part of Routes 30 and Route 33 "Governor Arnold I. Palacios Memorial Highway" in honor of the former late Governor Arnold I. Palacios; and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro

Introduced on September 13, 2025


SENATE ACTION

Transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on

September 29, 2025

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	9/29/25 Mayor of Saipan [Del. Matters 24-54] Mayor of Northern Islands [Del. Matters 24-55] 18 th SNIMC [Del. Matters 24-56]
Comments Received:	None
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	November 21, 2025


Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



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

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative
2 Delegation (SNILD) finds that the former late Governor Arnold I. Palacios distinguishably and
3 tirelessly served the government and people of the CNMI for over thirty years as a public servant
4 in many capacities but most notably as the CNMI Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senate
5 President and Speaker of the House. The SNILD joins the people of the CNMI in honoring the
6 life, legacy, and service of former Late Governor Arnold I. Palacios by renaming part of Routes
7 30 and 33 beginning at the Chalan Piao Intersection and ending at the Micro Beach Road
8 Intersection in Garapan.

9 **Section 2. Route/Highway Renaming.** Part of Route 30 from the Chalan Piao
10 Intersection that runs north to the Bank of Guam Intersection in Garapan and Route 33 that starts

SENATE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-02

1 after the Bank of Guam Intersection and ends at the Micro Beach Road Intersection in Garapan
2 are hereby renamed “Governor Arnold I. Palacios Memorial Highway”.

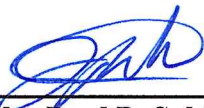
3 **Section 3. Administering Authority.** The Mayor of Saipan is authorized to administer the
4 provisions of this Act.

5 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
6 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
7 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
8 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

9 **Section 5. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
10 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
11 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in
12 this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment
13 of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability civil or
14 criminal, which shall already be in existence at the date this Act becomes effective.

15 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor
16 or upon its becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:



John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



Karl R. King-Nabors
President of the Senate

Approved this 29th day of December, 2025.



David M. Apatang
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands