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Governor

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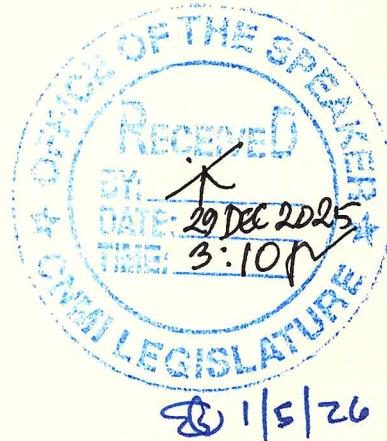
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

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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cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision Commission;  
Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Mayor of Saipan;  
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**

<b>Referred to:</b>	None
<b>Comments Solicited:</b>	9/29/25 Mayor of Saipan [Del. Matters 24-54] Mayor of Northern Islands [Del. Matters 24-55] 18 <sup>th</sup> SNIMC [Del. Matters 24-56]
<b>Comments Received:</b>	None
<b>Standing Committee Report:</b>	None
<b>Passed First &amp; Final Reading:</b>	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

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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.

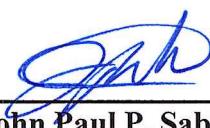
15       **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor  
16 or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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CERTIFIED BY:



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John Paul P. Sablan

Chairman

Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



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Karl R. King-Nabors

President of the Senate

Approved this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.



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David M. Apatang

Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands