

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To rename the DPS Boating Safety Building to the “Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station” in recognition of his contributions and dedication to ensuring the safety of the public in the surrounding waters of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that Jose Camacho Sablan
2 dedicated nearly 20 years of service as a sworn officer in blue, protecting the community
3 of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

4 The Legislature recognizes that Jose Camacho Sablan began his journey in January
5 1977 as a Police Officer I of the Department of Public Safety. Through his unwavering
6 dedication and commitment, he advanced to Police Officer II in October 1978 and then
7 Police Officer III in January 1980. In August 1980, Jose Camacho Sablan transitioned to a
8 detective in the department, where he remained until his promotion to Police Sergeant in
9 April 1982, a position he held for nearly seven years. In November 1988, Jose Camacho
10 Sablan was elevated to Police Lieutenant, and due to his extensive knowledge and skills,
11 he was quickly promoted to Police Captain in September 1989. In March 1991, Jose
12 Camacho Sablan took on the role of Assistant Chief of Police for the Boating Safety
13 Division, where he proudly served the Commonwealth until his retirement in July 1996.

14 The Legislature further finds that Jose Camacho Sablan has earned multiple training
15 certificates and accolades throughout his time with the Department of Public Safety. This
16 not only highlighted his dedication to sharpening his skills to best serve his community but
17 also demonstrated his commitment to enhancing his leadership in order to effectively
18 support his fellow officers. Such certificates and awards kept on file include, but are not
19 limited to, the following: Federal Bureau of Investigation Certificate of Attendance
20 Bombing Crime Scene School (September 21-26, 1986); Law Enforcement Officers

1 Training School Certificate of Attendance Basic Criminal Investigation (July 25-29, 1988);
2 Coast Guard Certificate of Training for the U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Area Training Team
3 One Maritime Law Enforcement (September 16, 1988); Certificate of Accomplishment
4 Basic Supervisory Management Workshop (November 10, 1988); Certificate of
5 Accomplishment Timekeepers Workshop 12-Hours (October 5-7, 1988); Certificate of
6 Accomplishment Basic Supervisory Management Workshop 32-Hours (November 7-10,
7 1988); DPS Certificate of Completion Basic Supervisory Motivation Training Class 16-
8 Hours In-Service (October 13, 1988); Law Enforcement Officers Training School Critical
9 Incident Management (September 24-28, 1990); Federal Emergency Management Agency
10 Certificate of Achievement Exercise Design Course (June 15, 1990); Northwestern
11 University Traffic Institute Civil Liability for Police Administrators (1991); CNMI Valor
12 Award for his courage involving a high degree of personal risk in the face of danger from
13 Rota (May 15, 1992); United States Coast Guard Reserve Training Center Maritime Law
14 Enforcement School National Boating Safety Course (January 16, 1992); CNMI Office of
15 the Governor Certificate of Appreciation (September 23, 1992); Federal Emergency
16 Management Agency Certificate of Achievement Hazardous Materials Workshop (August
17 16-20, 1993); and National Fire Academy Certificate of Training Initial Response to
18 Hazardous Materials Emergencies Basic Concepts (August 20, 1993).

19 Jose Camacho Sablan's achievements underscore the importance of continuous
20 professional development in law enforcement, where evolving challenges demand a
21 proactive approach to learning and leadership. His accomplishments serve as an inspiring
22 example of how dedication to personal and professional growth can contribute to the
23 overall safety and well-being of the community. Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to
24 honor Jose Camacho Sablan's contributions and dedication to ensuring the safety of the
25 public in the surrounding waters of the CNMI by renaming the DPS Boating Safety
26 Building to the "Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station".

27 **Section 2. Amendment.** Subject to the codification by the Commonwealth Law
28 Revision, Title 1, General Provisions, Chapter 4, Article 2, of the Commonwealth Code is
29 amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

1 “§ 101. (a) DPS Boating Safety Building Renamed. The Department of
2 Public Safety (DPS) Boating Safety Building located at the Smiling Cove Marina
3 on Saipan is renamed to the ‘Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station’ in
4 recognition of his contributions and dedication to ensuring the safety of the public
5 in the surrounding waters of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
6 This Act shall have a perpetual effect, as this building or any building in which the
7 Boating Safety Division establishes office due to construction, relocation,
8 renovation improvements, or any reason thereafter shall then be duly renamed the
9 ‘Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station’.


10 (b) Dedication. The Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern
11 Mariana Islands, in coordination with the DPS Commissioner and Jose Camacho
12 Sablan and his family, shall prepare a plan of dedication within sixty days from the
13 effective date of this Act.”

14 **Section 3. Severability**. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
15 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
16 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
17 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

18 **Section 4. Savings Clause**. This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not
19 be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under
20 statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes.
21 Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant
22 to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any
23 way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the
24 date this Act becomes effective.

25 **Section 5. Effective Date**. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
26 Governor or becoming law without such approval.

Date: 6/24/25

Introduced By: 
Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:



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