

**TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2025**

**SEN. COMMEMORATIVE RES. NO. 24-01**

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**A SENATE COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION**

To recognize and commend the Saipan Eagle Lions Club and the Saipan Beacon Lions Club for their outstanding achievements in membership growth and retention.

1           **WHEREAS**, this Legislative Body is proud to recognize extraordinary  
2 organizations in our community that selflessly contribute to the well-being of our islands  
3 by empowering individuals to be part of the solution and enriching the lives of others  
4 through acts of service; and

5           **WHEREAS**, since their investiture in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana  
6 Islands (CNMI) on January 7, 1992, by establishing the Saipan Fil-American Lions Club,  
7 like all Lions Clubs globally, Lions have always focused on community service addressing  
8 local needs; and

9           **WHEREAS**, the CNMI proudly boasts of 15 Lions Clubs with 519 members still  
10 active today and continue their mission by: (1) providing vision care and are historically  
11 renowned for their work in sight preservation and assistance to the visually impaired, (2)  
12 initiating youth programs to support adolescents through various initiatives, (3) organizing  
13 disaster relief to provide aid during natural disasters that may have affected the islands, and  
14 (4) spearheading local community projects by addressing specific needs within Saipan and  
15 other islands in the CNMI; and

16           **WHEREAS**, Lions Clubs International, a globally recognized service  
17 organization, has launched "MISSION 1.5," an ambitious initiative aimed at reaching 1.5  
18 million members worldwide by July 2027; and

1           **WHEREAS**, this dedicated effort underscores the commitment of Lions Clubs to  
2 expand their reach and enhance their capacity to serve communities in need; and

3           **WHEREAS**, the Saipan Eagle Lions Club and the Saipan Beacon Lions Club are  
4 both dedicated chapters of Lions Clubs International (LCI) within the Commonwealth of  
5 the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the  
6 goals of *MISSION 1.5*; and

7           **WHEREAS**, during Lion Year 2023-2024, both the Saipan Eagle Lions Club and  
8 the Saipan Beacon Lions Club were honored with the Premier Award by Lions Clubs  
9 International, a prestigious recognition bestowed upon clubs that excel in both membership  
10 growth and retention; and

11           **WHEREAS**, both the Saipan Eagle Lions Club and the Saipan Beacon Lions Club  
12 achieved an impressive 100% member retention rate and at least 10% membership growth  
13 during the Lion Year 2023-2024, showcasing their remarkable dedication to member  
14 engagement and recruitment; and

15           **WHEREAS**, the Saipan Eagle Lions Club further distinguished itself by being  
16 recognized as a Platinum Award Finalist by Lions Clubs International for Lion Year 2023-  
17 2024; and

18           **WHEREAS**, this momentous achievement marks the first time a Lions Club within  
19 LCI District 204 has received this esteemed award, which celebrates elite clubs that have  
20 doubled their membership while retaining all existing members; and

21           **WHEREAS**, the Saipan Eagle Lions Club, through its outstanding achievement of  
22 doubling its membership while maintaining 100% retention, has set an inspiring example  
23 of dedication and effectiveness for Lions Clubs both within the CNMI and internationally;  
24 and

25           **WHEREAS**, the remarkable accomplishments of the Saipan Eagle Lions Club and  
26 the Saipan Beacon Lions Club reflect the spirit of service and community commitment that  
27 is central to the mission of Lions Clubs International;

1           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth  
2 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature that the Senate hereby commends and  
3 congratulates the Saipan Eagle Lions Club and the Saipan Beacon Lions Club for their  
4 outstanding achievements in membership growth and retention, as recognized by Lions  
5 Clubs International with the Premier Award for Lion Year 2023-2024; and

6           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Senate extends their recognition and  
7 heartfelt congratulations to the Saipan Eagle Lions Club for their groundbreaking  
8 achievement as a Platinum Award Finalist for Lion Year 2023-2024, a historic first for  
9 Lions Club Internation, District 204; and

10           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Senate also commends the following  
11 CNMI Lions Clubs for their continued commitment and honor to our community: Saipan  
12 Alliance, Saipan Centennial, Saipan Dynamic, Saipan Fil-American, Saipan Infinity,  
13 Saipan, Marianas, Saipan Natibu, Saipan Legends, Saipan Pacific, Saipan Resilience,  
14 Saipan Unity, Saipan Invincible, Rota Lions Club; and

15           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Senate acknowledges and appreciates the  
16 significant contributions of the Saipan Eagle Lions Club and the Saipan Beacon Lions Club  
17 throughout the CNMI through their dedicated service and commitment to the principles of  
18 Lionism;

19           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to  
20 the Saipan Eagle Lions Club, the Saipan Beacon Lions Club, the Governor of the CNMI,  
21 and the leadership of Lions Clubs International, as a testament to their exemplary  
22 dedication and achievements.

23           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of the Senate shall certify, and  
24 the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and thereafter  
25 the Senate Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to the Saipan Eagle Lions Club, the Saipan  
26 Beacon Lions Club; Lions Clubs International Leadership; Honorable Arnold I. Palacios,  
27 Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Honorable Edmund S.  
28 Villagomez, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas

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1 Commonwealth Legislature; and Honorable Kimberlyn King-Hinds, CNMI Delegate to  
2 the 119<sup>th</sup> United States Congress.

Date: 4/16/2025

Introduced by:   
Senator Celina R. Babauta