



THE SENATE
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
1ST DAY, FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2026
SENATE COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION NO. 24-09

Introduced by: Senator Manny Gregory Tenorio Castro

A SENATE COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION

Recognizing and commending the Department of Corrections Officers and inmates for outstanding service, humanitarian assistance, and community support during the Typhoon Sinlaku Disaster Response operations in Saipan.

1 **WHEREAS**, Typhoon Sinlaku caused significant destruction and hardship
2 throughout the island of Saipan, severely impacting homes, infrastructure, utilities, and the
3 daily lives of the people of the Commonwealth; and

4 **WHEREAS**, during this time of crisis, members of the Department of Corrections
5 demonstrated exceptional dedication, courage, and commitment to public service by
6 actively participating in disaster response and recovery efforts; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Department of Corrections officers and inmate workers assisted the
8 community by delivering water and emergency supplies, setting up temporary shelters,
9 clearing debris, and supporting various humanitarian and recovery operations throughout
10 affected areas; and

11 **WHEREAS**, these efforts greatly contributed to the restoration of public safety,
12 community stability, and relief assistance for residents impacted by the disaster; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth recognizes the invaluable contributions and
14 selfless service rendered by the following NMI Corrections Recovery members:

15 **Outreach Officers**

16 Lt. Jeffrey Quitugua

15 **DOC Sort Officers**

16 Sgt. Domingo Ilek COI Jesse Kalen

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Sgt. Swain Cangco	Sgt. Leo Galarce	COI Pius Yaroitemal Jr
COI. Keith Lizama	COI Keola Nekaifes	

Outreach Inmate Workers

Jodan Taitingfong	Brandon Benavente
Dino Tabion	Rodney Laniyo
Fernando Quitano	Edmund Casteneda
Joshua Martin	Nathan Narcis
Rocky Lina	Joseph Katmag
Alfonso Parangon	Ruben Corpuz
Mariano Satur	Manuel Okaruru
Frankie Rettanlug	Joey Duenas
Peter Borja	Jordan Tudela
Peter Lizama	

WHEREAS, the bravery, compassion, teamwork, and public service displayed by these officers and inmate workers reflect the highest ideals of community responsibility and rehabilitation through service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate hereby recognizes and commends the Department of Corrections officers and inmate workers for their exemplary contributions and dedicated assistance during the Typhoon Sinlaku disaster response and recovery operations in Saipan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Department of Corrections and all individuals named herein in recognition of their outstanding service to the Saipan community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Senate shall certify, and the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and thereafter the Senate Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to Mr. Anthony C. Torres, Commissioner, Department of Corrections; Honorable David M. Apatang, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House

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- 1 of Representatives, Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; and
2 Honorable Kimberlyn King-Hinds, CNMI Delegate to the 119th United States Congress.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE ON JULY 20, 2026.

CERTIFIED BY:



KARL R. KING-NABORS
President of the Senate

ATTESTED BY:



FRANCISCO Q. CRUZ
Senate Legislative Secretary



THE SENATE
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
P. O. Box 500129
Saipan, MP 96950

July 23, 2026

Commissioner Anthony C. Torres
CNMI Department of Corrections
P. O. Box 506506
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Commissioner Torres:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith a certified copy of Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 24-09, entitled, "Recognizing and commending the Department of Corrections Officers and inmates for outstanding service, humanitarian assistance, and community support during the Typhoon Sinlaku Disaster Response operations in Saipan," which was adopted by the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely,

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Valerie S. Aguon
Acting Senate Clerk

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THE SENATE
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
P. O. Box 500129
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July 23, 2026

The Honorable David M. Apatang
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Apatang:

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July 23, 2026

Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
House of Representatives
24th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Speaker Villagomez:

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July 23, 2026

The Honorable Kimberlyn King-Hinds
CNMI Delegate to the U.S. Congress
Saipan Office
P. O. Box 504879
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Representative King-Hinds:

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