

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

Second Reg. SESSION, 2025

S.R. NO. 24-08

A SENATE RESOLUTION

To recognize and commend Pamela Yvette M. Sablan for her exceptional contributions and unwavering dedication to conservation practices to support the agricultural community in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

1 **WHEREAS**, this Legislative Body is honored to acknowledge stewards of our
2 lands who have devoted their lives to conservation initiatives, supporting and aiding local
3 farmers and ranchers in providing sustenance to our islands; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Pamela Yvette M. Sablan was born and raised on the beautiful island
5 of Saipan and is a proud alumna of Marianas High School, Class of 1994; and

6 **WHEREAS**, during her high school years, Pamela Yvette M. Sablan discovered
7 her passion for conservation when she had the unique opportunity to serve as a Soil
8 Conservation Student Trainee/Soil Conservation Aid/SCEP under the U.S. Department of
9 Agriculture (USDA)-Soil Conservation Service—Saipan, CNMI Field Office in May
10 1993. She held this position until June 1997, during which she assisted with emergency
11 watershed projects, field inventory and topographic surveys, and the planning, layout, and
12 implementation of agronomic and engineering conservation practice for various
13 agricultural operations involving cattle, goats, and pigs; and

14 **WHEREAS**, after high school, Pamela Yvette M. Sablan pursued her education at
15 the Northern Marianas College (NMC), from 1994-1997, earning several core class credits.
16 However, despite her goal of obtaining a degree, she was unable to at the time as she was
17 the sole student interested in an Agricultural Major that was not offered at the time; and

18 **WHEREAS**, soon after, Pamela Yvette M. Sablan left her beloved home island to
19 the island of Guam where she worked as a Civil Engineer Student Trainee, from June 1997
20 through August 2000, under the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)-

1 Pacific Basin Area Office in Maite, Guam. A few of her accomplishments during this
2 period included developing engineering spreadsheets and forms, designing irrigation
3 systems for Guam and American Samoa, and creating reference guidelines while assisting
4 in standard design for the region; and

5 **WHEREAS**, as an enrolled student at the University of Guam, Pamela Yvette M.
6 Sablan worked as a Research Assistant II under the College of Agriculture and Life
7 Sciences from August 2000 through June 2003. She assisted with research on sweet potato
8 and soybean varieties, and growing mediums. Additionally, she led a research team on
9 Nitrogen Fixing Trees, supervising staff, conducting research, publishing pamphlets and
10 fact sheets on nine different Nitrogen Fixing Trees; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in June 2003, Pamela Yvette M. Sablan, earned a Bachelor of Science
12 Degree in Agriculture from the University of Guam, fulfilling her personal goal to advance
13 her career and return to her island home of Saipan to continue her work; and

14 **WHEREAS**, upon her return to the CNMI, Pamela Yvette M. Sablan served as a
15 Soil Conservationist under the USDA-NRCS—Saipan, CNMI Field Office from June 2003
16 to November 2015. Over a decade in this position, she provided various training to staff on
17 Farm Bill Program Policies and implementation of grazing and fencing standards; assisted
18 field offices across the Pacific on numerous projects, data collection, and implementation
19 of conservation practices; held several acting positions in the region, including Acting
20 District Conservationist/Resource Conservationist for Pohnpei Field Office, Federated
21 States of Micronesia (2006), Acting District Conservationist for Ho'olehua Field Office,
22 Hawaii (2008), Acting District Conservationist for Kealakekua Field Office, Hawaii
23 (2009), and Acting District Conservationist for Saipan, CNMI Field Office on multiple
24 occasions. She also served as Acting Area Resource Conservationist for Pacific Islands
25 Area (PIA) (2015); and acted as the CNMI point of contact for the Department of Defense
26 GIS Specialist and NRCS-State GIS Specialist to support geodata and map consolidation
27 for DOD Tinian Lease Back Lands (2014). Additionally, she assisted a majority of NRCS
28 Farm Bill Program participants primarily located on DOD Tinian Lease Back Lands who
29 are on a year-to-year lease with limited installation activities, represented NRCS in face-

1 to-face meetings within the CNMI, enhanced program awareness, participation, support,
2 outreach activities, and conservation planning and implementation of conservation
3 practices in the CNMI; and

4 **WHEREAS**, given her extensive experience and established network within the
5 agricultural community and among stakeholders, Pamela Yvette M. Sablan was appointed
6 to serve as the Acting District Conservationist under the USDA-NRCS—Saipan, CNMI
7 Field Office, from November 2015 to September 2016. During this time, she managed the
8 field office, including all administrative duties and records management—to include
9 coordinated efforts with Farm Service Agency to resolve Farm Bill Program eligibility
10 issues, served as the point of contact for the Forestry Advisory Panel and Watershed
11 Working Group, and facilitated local soil and water conservation working groups on Rota,
12 Tinian, and Saipan; and

13 **WHEREAS**, since September 2016, Pamela Yvette M. Sablan has humbly served
14 the people of the Commonwealth in the esteemed position of District Conservationist under
15 the USDA-NRCS—Saipan, CNMI Field Office, furthering her career and making
16 significant contributions at a crucial time when the Commonwealth has recognized the
17 importance of food security initiatives in our region following back-to-back typhoons and
18 a global pandemic that severely impacted our community during lockdown; and

19 **WHEREAS**, throughout the world, agriculture has been the backbone of
20 economies and cultures, providing nutrition and stability for all communities; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Pamela Yvette M. Sablan has shown unwavering dedication to
22 promoting agricultural conservation practices as a personal passion, striving to better serve
23 her community through hands-on involvement and a steadfast commitment to hard work,
24 sustainability, and love for her island community; and


25 **WHEREAS**, Pamela Yvette M. Sablan has devoted over three decades to serving
26 the local agricultural landscape by promoting sustainable practices, assisting local farmers
27 and ranchers, and advocating for agricultural policies conducive to the local farmers and
28 ranchers in the Marianas and across the Pacific region; and

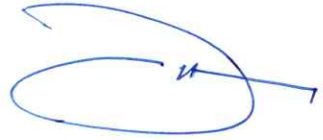
1 **WHEREAS**, through her leadership and guidance, Pamela Yvette M. Sablan has
2 built a foundation that leaves of lasting impact, earning admiration from her colleagues,
3 community members, and stakeholders across the region, both locally and nationally, while
4 inspiring generations of conservationists to ensure the resilience and vitality of the
5 agricultural community in the Commonwealth;

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth
7 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature that the Senate hereby joins the people of
8 the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in recognizing and commending
9 Pamela Yvette M. Sablan for her exceptional contributions and dedication to conservation
10 practices to support the agricultural community in the Commonwealth of the Northern
11 Mariana Islands; and

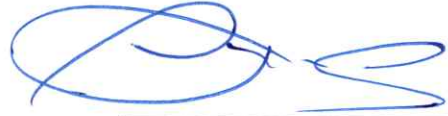
12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of the Senate shall certify, and
13 the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and thereafter
14 the Senate Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to Pamela Yvette M. Sablan; the Honorable
15 David M. Apatang, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the
16 Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Twenty-
17 Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; the Honorable Kimberlyn King-
18 Hinds, CNMI Delegate to the House of Representatives Washington, 119th United States
19 Congress; the Honorable Aubry M. Hocog, Mayor of the Municipality of Rota; the
20 Honorable Edwin P. Aldan, Mayor of the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan; the
21 Honorable Ramon "RB" Jose B. Camacho, Mayor of the Municipality of Saipan; the
22 Honorable Valentino N. Taisacan, Jr., Mayor of the Northern Islands; the Honorable
23 Jonovan H. Lizama, Chairperson of the 20th Rota Municipal Council, the Honorable Joseph
24 E. Santos, Chairperson of the 20th Tinian Municipal Council; the Honorable Marian DLG.
25 Tudela, Chairperson, 18th Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council; Glenn H.
26 Manglona, Chairperson, CNMI Soil and Water Conservation District; and J.B. Martin,
27 Director of NRCS Pacific Islands Area.

Date: 8/7/2025

Introduced By: 
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider



Senator Francisco Q. Cruz



Senator Karl R. King-Nabors