

RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

December 28, 2022

The Honorable Vinnie F. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
House of Representatives
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 22-43, S1** entitled, "To appropriate un-obligated funds under Saipan Local Law 22-10; and for other purposes." which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 22-15**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph DLG. Torres".

RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor

cc: Lt. Governor; Acting Press Secretary; Attorney General's Office; CNMI Law Revision; Secretary of Finance; Secretary, Department of Public Works; Acting Special Assistant for Administration; Programs & Legislative Review Office

Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Third Senatorial District
P.O. Box 500129
Saipan, MP 9695

Senator Vinnie F. Sablan, Chairman • Representative John Paul P. Sablan, Vice Chair • Representative Sheila J. Babauta, Floor Leader

December 12, 2022

The Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Honorable Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Torres:

I am honored to transmit for your action **House Local Bill No. 22-43, S1**, entitled:

“To appropriate un-obligated funds under Saipan Local Law 22-10; and for other purposes.”

The local bill was passed unanimously by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature on First and Final Reading, a quorum duly present during its First Day, Fourth Regular Session held on December 9, 2022.

Sincerely,


Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk

Enclosure



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 2022**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 22-43, S1

**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To appropriate un-obligated funds under Saipan Local Law 22-10; and for other purposes.

Offered by Representative(s):

Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Corina L. Magofna, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita K. Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul

Prefiled and Introduced on October 18, 2022


HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on

October 18, 2022

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred To : None
Comments Solicited : 10/19/22 - DM 22-104 Mayor Apatang
DM 22-105 Mayor Santos
DM 22-106 16th S&NI Municipal Council
Comments Received : 10/31/22 – Mayors Comm. 22-39 (MOS)
Standing Committee Report : None
Passed First & Final Reading : 12/9/22 (w/S1)



Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Third Senatorial District

FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 2022

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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. PURPOSE.**

2 The Delegation finds that Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres line-item vetoed House Local Bill
3 22-27, S1, D1, on April 14, 2022 un-obligating funds that had been appropriated to the Saipan
4 Mayors Office and for the ongoing Kagman Watershed Project. Therefore, the intent of this Act
5 to appropriate un-obligated funds under Saipan Local Law 22-10 (in the amount of \$430,000.00)
6 from the fees collected pursuant to Public Law 20-10 (Casino License Fee).

7 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

8 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary and
9 pursuant to funds allocated to the Third Senatorial District the Saipan and Northern Islands
10 Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates \$430,000.00 of un-obligated funds under
11 Saipan Local Law 22-10 for the following:

- 1 a) \$280,000.00 for the mitigation of flooding and road repair on Flores Rosa Street
2 and the surrounding areas. Expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the
3 Department of Public Works or his/her designee;
- 4 b) \$40,000.00 for the Northern Marianas Athletics;
- 5 c) \$15,000.00 for the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc.
6 (NMPASI);
- 7 d) \$15,000.00 for KARIDAT;
- 8 e) \$10,000.00 for the Chief Aghurubw Foundation;
- 9 f) \$10,000.00 for the Northern Marianas Library Association;
- 10 g) \$10,000.00 for the Manhita Marianas;
- 11 h) \$10,000.00 for the Our Common Wealth 670;
- 12 i) \$10,000.00 for the Talaya Club;
- 13 j) \$10,000.00 for the Pride Marianas;
- 14 k) \$10,000.00 for the Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation, Saipan; and
- 15 l) \$10,000.00 for the Marianas Outrigger Canoe, Inc.

16 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

17 The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2 unless specified in this Act shall
18 be the Secretary of Finance.

19 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

1 Funds appropriated under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose and
2 notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under this Act shall be without fiscal
3 year limitation.

4 **SECTION 5. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.**

5 The Secretary of Finance shall regulate and control the expenditure of the funds
6 appropriated by this Act to ensure that appropriated funds are not expended contrary to the law,
7 fiscal management policies, and practices of the Commonwealth.

8 **SECTION 6. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

9 Expenditures authorities of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be
10 responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance by the end of the
11 calendar year 2023. Provided further that entities that received funds under this Act and fail to
12 provide all expenses that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail to any future
13 funds appropriated by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

14 **SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.**

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

19 **SECTION 8. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

20 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing
21 right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or

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1 order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
2 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of
3 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in
4 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

5 **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

6 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming law without
7 such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

VINNIE F. SABLAN
Chairman
Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation

EDMUND S. VILCAGOMEZ
Speaker
House of Representatives

Approved on this 28th day of December, 2022.

RALPH DLO. TORRES
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands