

**RALPH DLG. TORRES**  
Governor



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

June 30, 2022

The Honorable Justo S. Quitugua  
Acting President of the Senate  
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 Acting President and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **Senate Bill No. 22-59** entitled, "To rename the Tinian Head Start/Early Head Start Center the "Magdalena M. Hofschneider Head Start/Early Head Start Center"; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 22-20**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

  
**JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER**  
Acting Governor

cc: Acting Press Secretary; Attorney General's Office; Commissioner of Education; Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan; Tinian Municipal Council; Commonwealth Law Revision Commission; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



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

June 17, 2022

The Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
Capital Hill  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Torres:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith for your action Senate Bill No. 22-59, entitled: "To rename the Tinian Head Start/Early Head Start Center the "Magdalena M. Hofschneider Head Start/Early Head Start Center"; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely,



Dolores S. Bermudes  
Senate Clerk

Attachments





**THE SENATE**  
**TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**SENATE BILL NO. 22-59**

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**AN ACT**

To rename the Tinian Head Start/Early Head Start Center the “Magdalena M. Hofschneider Head Start/Early Head Start Center”; and for other purposes.

***SENATE ACTION***

**Offered by Senator(s):** Jude U. Hofschneider

**Date:** August 12, 2021

**Referred to:** Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare

**Standing Committee Report No.:** None

**Final Reading:** October 22, 2021

***HOUSE ACTION***

**Referred to:** Judiciary and Governmental Operations & Education Committee

**Standing Committee Report No.:** None

**First and Final Reading:** June 13, 2022

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**DOLORES S. BERMUDES**  
**SENATE CLERK**



THE SENATE  
TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2021

S. B. NO. 22-59

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

1           **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that Magdalena Muna  
2 Manglona Hofschneider selflessly served over 20 years in educating the youth of Tinian,  
3 which all began in 1954 when she was hired as a Classroom Teacher for the Tinian Public  
4 School where she diligently served for several years. When her life was blessed with little  
5 ones of her own, Ms. Hofschneider took a break from her teaching career to prioritize her  
6 growing family.

7           The Legislature further finds that in the Summer of 1970, when the Northern  
8 Mariana Islands were still under the political wing of the U.S. Trust Territory of the Pacific  
9 Islands, a great opportunity rose for these islands under the National Head Start Program,  
10 to which Ms. Hofschneider applied for and was sent to Saipan for training. It was during  
11 the workshop training that Ms. Hofschneider was designated as the Head Start Coordinator  
12 for Tinian by the prominent educator and Head Start Director, Ms. Joaquina M.  
13 Rabauliman. Ms. Hofschneider was tasked with the responsibility of securing a facility for  
14 the program on Tinian. Therefore, after returning to Tinian, the initial pilot program for the  
15 Summer Head Start Program was conducted at the Tinian Public School Facility.

16           Furthermore, Ms. Hofschneider worked diligently with the former Tinian Mayor,

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1 the Honorable Jose R. Cruz, to secure a vacant building that was once used as a chapel to  
2 be renovated on time to initiate the pilot program for the implementation of a regular  
3 school year Head Start Program in 1970. Not long after, with the assistance of a group of  
4 Navy Seabees that arrived on Tinian, a new building was constructed consisting of two  
5 classrooms, an office, kitchen, storage unit and restrooms. This facility housed the Tinian  
6 Head Start Program for many years until a new facility was constructed on the campus  
7 grounds of the Tinian Elementary School where the program continues to serve the youth  
8 today.

9 The Legislature finds that Ms. Hofschneider has contributed many years to serving  
10 the needs of the young minds of her community. Despite the challenges that came along  
11 this journey, the gratification of witnessing young residents grow and mature into members  
12 that now serve their community fueled the drive and passion of Ms. Hofschneider as an  
13 educator. Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to honor Magdalena M. Hofschneider's  
14 selfless and outstanding contributions to the CNMI Head Start Program for the Second  
15 Senatorial District by renaming the Tinian Head Start/Early Head Start Center the  
16 "Magdalena M. Hofschneider Tinian Head Start/Early Head Start Center".

17 **Section 2. Amendment.** Title 1, Chapter 4, Article 4 of the Commonwealth Code  
18 is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

19 "§ xxx. **Tinian: Naming of the Magdalena M. Hofschneider Tinian Head**  
20 **Start/Early Head Start Center.** The Tinian Head Start/Early Head Start Center is hereby  
21 renamed the "Magdalena M. Hofschneider Tinian Head Start/Early Head Start Center" in  
22 recognition and appreciation of her outstanding contributions to the CNMI Head Start  
23 Program and to the community of Tinian."

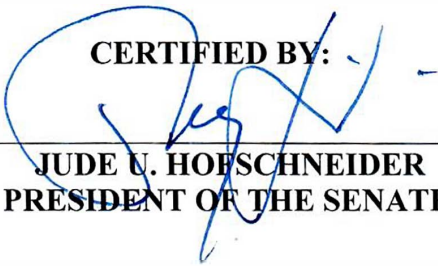
24 **Section 3. Dedication.** The Public School System and the Mayor of Tinian and  
25 Aguiguan, in consultation with Magdalena M. Hofschneider, shall prepare a plan of  
26 dedication including, at a minimum, the construction and placement of a sign, with an  
27 appropriate ceremony in an ideal designated area of the facility within a reasonable time  
28 after the effective date of this Act.

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1           **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such  
2 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent  
3 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or  
4 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

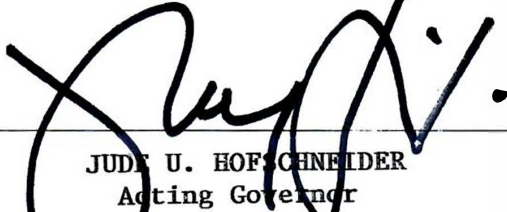
5           **Section 5. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not  
6 be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under  
7 statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.  
8 Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant  
9 to prior law. The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any  
10 way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the  
11 date this Act becomes effective.

12           **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the  
13 Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**CERTIFIED BY:**  
  
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**JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER**  
**PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**

**ATTESTED BY:**  
  
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**VICTOR B. HOCOG**  
**SENATE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY**

*Approved* this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022

  
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**JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER**  
**Acting Governor**

**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**