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Pursuant to the Official House Rules of Procedures, the Speaker of the House of Representatives announces that the House of Representatives of the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

**Meeting:** House of Representatives 2nd Day, Fourth Regular Session  
**Date and Time:** Thursday, August 28, 2014, at 1:30 PM  
**Location:** House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE** : 25 August 2014  
**TO** : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS  
**FROM** : Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero   
**SUBJECT** : Call for Session, 2<sup>nd</sup> Day, 4<sup>th</sup> Regular Session

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Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the **2<sup>nd</sup> Day, 4<sup>th</sup> Regular Session on Thursday, 28 August 2014 at 1:30 p.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President  
House Clerk  
LB Director  
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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
EIGHTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 2014

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
2nd Day, Fourth Regular Session	Thursday, August 28, 2014	1:30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

*A Moment of Silence*

**1. ROLL CALL**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS**

*First Day, Fifth Special Session Journal – June 21, 2013*

*First Day, Sixth Special Session Journal – July 19, 2013*

**4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

*A. House Bills:*

**H. B. No. 18-205**

To make the statements of financial interest filed with the Public Auditor open to the public.

**REP. CHRISTOPHER D. LEON GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*, Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Anthony T. Benavente, Trenton B. Conner, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Felicidad T. Ogumoro, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

**H. B. No. 18-206**

To create the Second Marianas Political Status Commission; to examine whether the people desire continuing in a “Political Union with the United States of America” pursuant to the Covenant; to determine if that continuation is in their best interest, or whether some other political status would better enable them to fulfill their aspirations of full and meaningful self-government; and for other purposes.

**REP. FELICIDAD T. OGUMORO** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*)

**H. B. No. 18-207**

To amend Title 9, Division 2, Chapter 2 Subsection 2201 to avail to Veterans of a discounted Operator’s License Fee benefit; and for other purposes.

**REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*)

**H. B. NO. 18-208**

To reduce the number of days a First Senatorial District local appropriation bill needs to lie in the House of Representatives before being transmitted to the appropriate delegation for action.

**REP. TERESITA A. SANTOS** of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*)

**H. B. NO. 18-209**

To increase motorcycle operator's safety by requiring vendors to provide DOT certified helmets to operators, providing operator instruction courses, and issuing motorcycle driver's license endorsements.

**REP. ROMAN C. BENAVENTE** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

*B. House Local Bills:*

*C. House Legislative Initiatives:*

**5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

*A. House Resolutions:*

**H. RES. NO. 18-61**

To give special recognition to the Chamorro and Carolinian cultures of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands during Cultural Heritage Month celebrated in September.

**REP. FELICIDAD T. OGUMORO** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representative Edmund S. Villagomez)

*B. House Joint Resolutions:*

*C. House Commemorative Resolutions:*

*D. House Concurrent Resolutions:*

**6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

Gov. COMM. 18-210: (8/8/14) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. NO. 18-57, S1, (To appropriate \$31,900.00 from local license fees collected from poker and pachinko

slot machines in the First Senatorial District; and for other purposes.). Became **Rota Local Law 18-14**. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 18-211 (8/15/14) Informing the House that he signed into law H. B. No. 18-153, SD1, (To amend 6 CMC Section 2256(a) (2) to reduce the insurance requirement for shooting ranges from \$5,000,000 to \$1,000,000 and to amend 6 CMC § 2257(a) and to repeal 6 CMC § 2252(d); and for other purposes.). Became **Public Law 18-61**. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 18-212: (8/16/14) **Executive Order 2014-11** – Declaration of a State of significant Emergency: CUC's imminent threat to provide critical power generation, water, and wastewater services to the CNMI and considering such condition would pose to the community, environment, and critical infrastructure of the CNMI.

## 7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 18-183: (8/6/14) Informing the House that the Senate during its First Day, Fourth Regular Session *filed* H. B. No. 18-69, HS1, entitled "To reduce the rebate from the Northern Marianas Territorial Income Tax. [For Info]

SEN. COMM. 18-184: (8/21/14) Returning H. B. No. 18-201, HD3 (To make appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and independent programs, and to provide budget authority for government corporations for Fiscal Year 2015.) which was passed by the Senate with amendments on August 21, 2014, in the form of **H. B. No. 18-201, HD3, SS1, SD2** [For action on Senate amendments]

SEN. COMM. 18-185: (8/21/14) Transmitting for House action S. B. No. 18-66, entitled, "To prohibit a person from running for more than one public office in a general, local or special election; and for other purposes.," which was passed by the Senate on August 21, 2014. [For action]

SEN. COMM. 18-186: (8/26/14) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 18-36, entitled, "Congratulating and commending Sister Martha Ramarui, MMB for her more than 55 years of faithful service to the community and especially her ten years of dedicated service as principal of the Sister Remedios Early Childhood Development Center.", which was adopted by the Senate. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 18-187: (8/26/14) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 18-37, entitled, "To commend and congratulate Mr. James Reyes for graduating Valedictorian of the 14<sup>th</sup> Cycle Ports Police and completing the necessary training under the Federal Aviation Regulations Part 139 and the Commonwealth Ports Authority to fulfill his position and duties as a Ports Police Officer and Aircraft Rescue and Firefighter.", which was adopted by the Senate. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 18-188: (8/26/14) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 18-38, entitled, "To commend Mark A. Tlumacki for his bravery and act of heroism on United

Airlines flight no. 184 from Manila, Philippines to Guam on May 11, 2014.”, which was adopted by the Senate. [*For info*]

## **8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS**

HSE. COMM. 18-100: (8/11/14) From Representative Conner informing the Speaker that he will be off-island on personal business from August 12, 2014 to August 28, 2014 and request to be excused from any sessions or meetings during his absence.

HSE. COMM. 18-101: (8/14/14) From Representative Seman informing the Speaker that he will be off-island from August 27 to August 29, 2014, to attend the PATA Micronesia Chapter meeting on Guam and request to be excused from any sessions or meetings during his absence.

HSE. COMM. 18-102: (8/25/14) From Representative Agulto informing the Speaker that he will be off-island on personal business from August 28, 2014 to September 5, 2014 and request to be excused from any sessions or meetings during his absence.

## **9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – NONE**

## **10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES - NONE**

## **11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS - NONE**

## **12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**S. C. R. No. 18-120:** Reporting on H. J. RES. NO. 18-14, entitled: “Requesting that the Honorable Governor Eloy S. Inos oppose any and all proposed military use of Pagan and oppose any increase military activities in the Northern Islands.” *Your Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs recommends that the House adopt H. J. RES. NO. 18-14 in its current form.*

**S. C. R. No. 18-121:** Reporting on H. B. No. 18-197, entitled, “To amend 2 CMC sections 5631 and 5634 to authorize 1.5 inch net mesh to catch Bigeye Scad (Atulai) during their seasonal run in the Third Senatorial District and provide for penalties for violations; and amend 2 CMC 5104 to exempt individuals 55 years and older from license fees.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends passage of the bill in the form of H. B. No. 18-197, HD1.*

**S. C. R. No. 18-122:** Reporting on H. B. NO. 18-198, entitled, “To approve the submerged land lease agreement between Sea Touch, Saipan and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Government via the Department of Lands and Natural Resources pursuant to the Submerged Lands Act, (2 CMC section 1201 et seq.)” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends passage of the bill in the form of H. B. No. 18-198, HSI.*

**S. C. R. No. 18-123:** Reporting on H. B. NO. 18-177, entitled, “To exempt the Public School System (PSS) from late fee charges imposed by the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) for utilities, water, waste water and other related fees; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 18-177 in its current form.*

### 13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

**SPC. C. R. No. 18-6:** From your Special Committee on Retirement Reporting on H. B. NO. 18-174, entitled, “To provide a Supplemental Retirement Benefit for retirees who return to government employment.” *Your Special Committee on Retirement recommends passage of the bill in the form of H. B. No. 18-174, HDI.*

### 14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

### 15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action
<b>H. J. R. No. 18-19</b>	A House Joint Resolution respectfully requesting the President of the United States of America, Barack Hussein Obama the II to withdraw the proposed expansion of the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument.	

### 16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
<b>H. B. No. 18-113</b>	A Bill for an Act to increase the penalties for sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 18-87]	
<b>H. B. No. 18-120</b>	A Bill for an Act to require that all persons convicted of burglary, robbery, or theft register with the Department of Public Safety and that the community be notified concerning the location of registered offenders when necessary to ensure public safety. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. NO. 18-108]	
<b>S. B. No. 18-10, HS1</b>	A Bill for an Act to authorize DEQ to set well water rates for commercial users; and for other purposes. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. NO. 18-116]	
<b>H. B. No. 18-191</b>	A Bill for an Act to amend 2 CMC §4305 to insure that approvals of eligibility for a homestead are final and not subject to modification. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. NO. 18-117]	

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
<b>H. B. No. 18-181</b>	A Bill for an Act to establish the Home Invasion Act; and for other purposes. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 18-119]	

**17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**18. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(ADJOURNMENT)**

***APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS***

**FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY:** 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

**SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

**THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

H. L. B. No. 18-60

To appropriate the lapsed funds from Saipan Local Law 14-11, Saipan Local Law 15-12, Saipan Local Law 15-16, Saipan Local Law 15-27, Saipan Local Law 15-73, Saipan Local Law 16-5 and Saipan Local Law 16-11; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. RAMON A. TEBUTEB of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on July 31, 2014.

H. L. B. No. 18-61

To amend 10 CMC section 3921 (e) to clarify student eligibility for SHEFA scholarships. Introduced by REP. ROMAN C. BENAVENTE of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero) on July 31, 2014.

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***Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on 8/7/14:***

H. B. No. 18-203

To establish mandatory foreclosure mediation for all principal residences. Introduced by Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero on behalf of Representative Janet U. Maratita REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero) on August 7, 2014 and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 18-204

To facilitate technical training and vocational education opportunities by establishing the Higher Education Commission consistent with Article XV section 2 of the Commonwealth Constitution for purposes of enabling charter



schools as well as an Adult Vocational and Continuing Education Charter School. Introduced by REP. ANTONIO P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, and Mariano Taitano) on August 7, 2014 and was referred to the Committee on Education.

H. L. B. No. 18-62

To appropriate the additional collections under Saipan Local Law No. 18-7 for activities within the Third Senatorial District; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. RAMON A. TEBUTEB of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Anthony T. Benavente, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on August 7, 2014.

H. RES. No. 18-60

To honor a constellation of Retirees, in recognition of their efforts in the enhancement, development and advancement of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representative Antonio R. Agulto) on August 7, 2014 and calendared for action; adopted 8/7/14.

H. J. R. No. 18-18

Requesting that the Honorable Governor Eloy S. Inos formally endorsing the Reconnaissance Report and requesting Governor Inos to support the movement to reconstitute the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation as a consumer-owned cooperative. Introduced by REP. FRANCISCO S. DELA CRUZ of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on August 7, 2014 and calendared for action; adopted 8/7/14.

H. J. R. No. 18-19

Respectfully requesting the President of the United States of America, Barack Hussein Obama the II to withdraw the proposed expansion of the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument. Introduced by REP. RICHARD B. SEMAN of Saipan, Precinct 1, (*for himself*) on August 7, 2014 and calendared for action on next session.

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