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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 4th Day, Fourth Regular Session  
**Date and Time:** Friday, October 3, 2014, at 9:30 AM  
**Location:** House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE** : 01 October 2014  
**TO** : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS  
**FROM** : Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero   
**SUBJECT** : Call for Session, 4<sup>th</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 4<sup>th</sup> Day, 4<sup>th</sup> Regular Session on **Friday, 03 October 2014 at 9:30 a.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
4th Day, Fourth Regular Session	Friday, October 3, 2014	9:30 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

*A Moment of Silence*

**1. ROLL CALL**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS**

*Second Day, Second Regular Session Journal – August 27, 2013*

*Third Day, Second Regular Session Journal – September 11, 2013*

**4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

*A. House Bills:*

**H. B. No. 18-210**

To amend Title 9, Division 5 Rules of the Road by adding Chapter 10 Vehicle Smoke-Free Policy; and for other purposes.

**REP. RICHARD B. SEMAN** of Saipan, Precinct 1, (*for himself*)

*B. House Local Bills:*

**H. L. B. No. 18-63**

To appropriate \$3,264,000.00 from revenues to be collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended anticipated being collected for fiscal year 2015; and for other purposes.

**REP. RALPH N. YUMUL** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero)

**H. L. B. No. 18-64**

To appropriate the additional collections under Saipan Local Law No. 18-07 for activities within the Third Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

**REP. RALPH N. YUMUL** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero)

**H. L. B. No. 18-65**

To appropriate \$30,000.00 from Local License Fees collected for Poker and Pachinko Slot Machines in the First Senatorial District and for other purposes.

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

*C. House Legislative Initiatives:*

## **5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

*A. House Resolutions:*

### **H. RES. NO. 18-62**

To recognize and commend the outstanding contributions of Ms. Haidee V. Eugenio to the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas community and to thank her for her many years of service in journalism.

**REP. JANET U. MARATITA** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, Representatives Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, and Ramon A. Tebuteb)

### **H. RES. NO. 18-63**

To honor the Honorable Isaac Maratita Calvo's distinguished public career and to congratulate and commend his countless exemplary accomplishments and contributions to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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

*B. House Joint Resolutions:*

*C. House Commemorative Resolutions:*

### **C. RES. NO. 18-12**

To honor Reverend Monsignor Louis Antonelli, the founder of Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja and to commemorate and congratulate Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja on its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary along with its significant commitment and contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, most especially to the people and children of the island of Rota.

**REP. TERESITA A. SANTOS** of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*, Representatives George N. Camacho, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, Janet U. Maratita, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Mariano Taitano, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

### **C. RES. NO. 18-13**

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of the late 1SG Isidro Taga Cepeda for his passing and to pay tribute to his outstanding military achievements.

**REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Anthony T. Benavente, George N. Camacho, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Rafael S. Demapan, John Paul P. Sablan, Teresita A. Santos, Richard B. Seman, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

**C. RES. NO. 18-14**

To commend Mr. Nace Ngirasibong Soalablai for his outstanding services to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands most especially to the CNMI Government.

**REP. RAMON A. TEBUTEB** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

**C. RES. NO. 18-15**

To recognize and commend Kan Pacific Saipan, Ltd. dba Marianas Resort and Spa for over 36 years of exceptional services provided to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**REP. CHRISTOPHER D. LEON GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself, Antonio R. Agulto, Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, George N. Camacho, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Mariano Taitano, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul*)

**C. RES. NO. 18-16**

Congratulating the Republic of China (Taiwan) on the occasion of its One Hundred Third (103<sup>rd</sup>) National Day or “Double-Tenth National Day”.

**REP. FRANCISCO S. DELA CRUZ** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

**C. RES. NO. 18-17**

To recognize and commend the outstanding contributions of Ms. Haidee V. Eugenio to the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas community and to thank her for her many years of service in journalism.

**REP. JANET U. MARATITA** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself, Representatives Anthony T. Benavente, George N. Camacho, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, Antonio P. Sablan, Richard B. Seman, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul*)

**D. House Concurrent Resolutions:**

**6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

Gov. COMM. 18-216: (9/4/14) Informing the House that he signed into law H. B. NO. 18-165, SD1, (To amend the standards for the renewable energy portfolio for electrical power producers and to amend 4 CMC § 8532 to authorize the installation of net energy metering for all eligible residential customer-generators; and for other purposes.). Became **Public Law 18-62**. [For info]

Gov. COMM. 18-217: (9/5/14) Informing the House that he signed into law S. B. NO. 18-66, (To prohibit a person from running for more than one public office in a general, local or special election; and for other purposes.). Became **Public Law 18-63**. [For info]

Gov. COMM. 18-218: (9/16/14) Informing the House that he signed into law H. B. NO. 18-118, SD1, SD2, CCD1 (To gradually increase the tax on cigarettes.). Became **Public Law 18-64**. [For info]

Gov. COMM. 18-219: (9/16/14) Informing the House that he signed into law H. B. NO. 18-166, HD1 (re: TAX AMNESTY. (Exp: 12/15/14)) Became **Public Law 18-65**. [For info]

Gov. COMM. 18-220: (9/16/14) Informing the House that he signed into law H. B. 18-201, HD3, SS1, SD1, CCS1 (FY 2015 Budget Act). Became **Public Law 18-66**. [For info]

Gov. COMM. 18-221: (9/8/14) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Chester M. Hinds, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, to receive an annual salary of \$59,000. [For info]

Gov. COMM. 18-222: (9/16/14) **Executive Order 2014-12** – 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.

Gov. COMM. 18-223: (9/17/14) From SAPLR informing the Legislature that H. B. 18-156, HD1, (To vest the Commonwealth Health Care Corporation (CHCC) with a certain piece of public land; and for other purposes.) became **Public Law 18-67** on September 16, 2014 without the Governor's signature. [For info]

Gov. COMM. 18-224: (9/22/14) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. NO. 18-50, (To amend 10 CMC 2416 subsections (a) and (c) to keep all local cockfighting license fees within the Second Senatorial District to fund the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board's special account for Tinian Municipal Scholarship Recipients.). Became **Tinian Local Law 18-10**. [For info]

Gov. COMM. 18-225: (9/25/14) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Shannon R. Foley, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, to receive an annual salary of \$57,000. [For info]

Gov. COMM. 18-226: (9/25/14) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. James M. Zarones, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, to receive an annual salary of \$58,000. [For info]

## 7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 18-190: (9/5/14) Informing the House that the Senate in its First Special Session, Fourth Regular Session, on September 5, 2014, adopted CCR No. 18-6 and passed H. B. 18-201, HD3, SS1, SD2, CCS1, entitled "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. [For info]

## 8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 18-105: (9/5/14) From the Speaker informing all Members that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official and personal business from Monday, September 8, 2014 to Thursday, September 18, 2014 and designates Vice Speaker Dela Cruz as Acting Speaker.

HSE. COMM. 18-106: (9/17/14) From the Floor Leader informing the Speaker that he will be off-island on personal matters from September 19, 2014 to September 26, 2014, and request to be excused from any sessions or meetings.

HSE. COMM. 18-107: (9/22/14) From the Speaker to the Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources assigning for committee review and action of: Alter City Group, Inc. Application for Public Land Lease on Tinian.

HSE. COMM. 18-108: (9/29/14) From Representative Tebuteb informing the Speaker that he will be off-island for medical referral business beginning, September 29, 2014 until further medical notice and request to be excused from any sessions or official functions during his absence.

HSE. COMM. 18-109: (9/24/14) From Representative Yumul informing the Speaker that he will be off-island from September 25, 2014 to September 29, 2014, to attend the Bi-Annual JMTC meeting and participate in the JATA Tourism EXPO in Japan, 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

DEPT. & AGCY. 18-12: (9/10/14) From the Commonwealth Development Authority submitting copy of 2008-2012 Annual Report.

DEPT. & AGCY. 18-13: (9/15/14) From the Department of Public Lands submitting package for the Legislature's review and consideration of the request's of Alter City Group, Inc. Application to lease public land on Tinian in accordance to Article XI, Section 5(c) and (d) of the NMI Constitution. ***[Please see communication with supporting docs on the legislature's (House folder) network; 83 pp.]***

## 11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 18-21: (8/6/14) From the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) transmitting copies of adopted resolutions during APIL 33<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly. [For Info]

MISC. COMM. 18-22: (9/4/14) From the Northern Marianas Humanities Council submitting copy of 2013 Annual Report. [For Info]

**12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**S. C. R. No. 18-124:** Reporting on H. B. No. 18-199, entitled, “To establish laws to regulate bioprospecting activities within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to ensure prior, informed consent and equitable sharing of benefits.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 18-199 in its current form.*

**13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES – NONE**

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE**

**15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR**

Resolution	Subject	Action
<b>C. RES. NO. 18-11</b>	A House Commemorative Resolution to honor and acknowledge the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and the Guam-CNMI Committee, and to thank them and their volunteer members for their outstanding service by recognizing the week of September 9 <sup>th</sup> through September 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2014, as “Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week”.	

**16. BILL CALENDAR**

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
<b>H. B. NO. 18-198</b>	A Bill for an Act 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.)	

**17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**



## 18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### (ADJOURNMENT)

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#### *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:**

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#### *Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on 9/5/14:*

C. RES. NO. 18-11: To honor and acknowledge the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and the Guam-CNMI Committee, and to thank them and their volunteer members for their outstanding service by recognizing the week of September 9<sup>th</sup> through September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014, as “Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week”. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself, Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, George N. Camacho, Trenton B. Conner, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Janet U. Maratita, Felicidad T. Ogumoro, Antonio P. Sablan, Teresita A. Santos, Richard B. Seman, Mariano Taitano, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul*) – Calendared September 5, 2014.

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