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Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedures and the authority under the NMI Constitution, the Speaker of the House of Representatives announces that the House of Representatives of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

**Meeting:** House of Representatives First Day, Third Special Session  
**Date and Time:** Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 10:00 AM  
**Location:** Rota Courthouse, Sinapalo II, Rota

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE** : 03 May 2016  
**TO** : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS  
**FROM** : Speaker Rafael S. Demapan   
**SUBJECT** : Call for Session, 1<sup>st</sup> Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Special 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 **1<sup>st</sup> Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Session on Tuesday, 10 May 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** in the **Rota Courthouse, Sinapalo II, Rota.**

cc: Senate President  
House Clerk  
LB Director  
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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
NINETEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
SPECIAL SESSION, 2016

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1st Day, Third Special Session	Tuesday, May 10, 2016	10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

*A Moment of Silence*

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS - None**
- 4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

**A. *House Bills:***

**H. B. No. 19-154**

To amend Title 9, Division 2, Chapter 2, §2201 (b) (1) to allow Veterans to a waiver of the Operator's License Fee; and for other purposes.

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

**H. B. No. 19-162**

To amend 7 CMC §3101 (a) to mandate when a jury is impanel to hear all felonies and misdemeanors charges; and for other purposes.

**Prefiled by: REP. GEORGE N. CAMACHO** of Saipan, Precinct 4 *(for himself,*  
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero)

**B. *House Local Bills:***

**C. *House Legislative Initiatives:***

- 5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**A. *House Resolutions:***

**H. RES. NO. 19-45**

Respectfully encouraging the United States Congress to introduce and adopt legislation that would create a special category that provides increased compensation for Veterans

residing in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and other geographically-challenged areas in the Pacific.

**Prefiled by: REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

**B.** *House Joint Resolutions:*

**C.** *House Commemorative Resolutions:*

**C. RES. NO. 19-24**

To recognize and acknowledge Aloha for Saipan for their heartfelt contributions to the community of the CNMI and to express a sincere appreciation for such generous donations in the relief efforts of Typhoon Soudelor, August 3, 2015.

**Prefiled by: REP. VINSON F. SABLAN** of Saipan, Precinct 4, (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, George N. Camacho, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Glenn L. Maratita, Felicidad T. Ogumoro, Edwin K. Propst, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Francis S. Taimanao, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

**C. RES. NO. 19-25**

To recognize and acknowledge Northwest Pacific Operations for their heartfelt contributions to the community of the CNMI and to express a sincere appreciation for such generous donations in the relief efforts of Typhoon Soudelor, August 3, 2015.

**Prefiled by: REP. VINSON F. SABLAN** of Saipan, Precinct 4, (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, George N. Camacho, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Glenn L. Maratita, Felicidad T. Ogumoro, Edwin K. Propst, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Francis S. Taimanao, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

**D.** *House Concurrent Resolutions:*

**6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

GOV. COMM. 19-127: (4/3/16 received 4/4/16) Informing the House that he disapproved H. B. No. 19-97, SD1 (To amend Title 70, § 70-30.3-220, Small Purchases, of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code.) [**Deadline 6/3/16**]

GOV. COMM.19-136: (4/28/16) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. NO. 19-62, HD1, (To amend Title 9 of the Commonwealth Code regarding motor vehicle licensure and rental.). Became **Public Law 19-43** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 19-137: (4/28/16) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. NO. 19-89, HS1, (To ban the importation of used tires; and for other purposes.). Became **Public Law 19-44** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 19-138: (4/28/16 received 4/29/16) Informing the House that he disapproved H. B. No. 19-58, SD1 (To strengthen provisions regarding all firearms by establishing minimum mandatory sentences and allowing longer sentences, and by increasing the time-served component necessary for parole eligibility.) [*Deadline 6/28/16*]

GOV. COMM. 19-139: (4/28/16 received 4/29/16) Informing the House that he disapproved S. B. No. 19-37, SD1 (To amend certain sections of the Pure Food and Drug Control to include lime (*afok, bweesch*); and for other purposes.) [*Deadline 6/28/16*]

GOV. COMM. 19-140: (4/29/16 received 4/30/16) Submitting the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 (\$127,806,625 available for appropriation).

GOV. COMM. 19-141: (5/2/16) From SAPLR informing the Legislature that H. L. B. 19-54, D1, (To appropriate \$265,600.00 from the local license fees collected for pachinko slot machines and poker machines in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.) became **Tinian Local Law 19-11** on May 1, 2016 without the Governor's signature. [*For info*]

## 7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 19-154 (5/3/16) Returning H. B. 19-90, HD1, entitled, "To amend 1 CMC § 2891 and § 2892 and to add a new § 2893 (The CNMI Office of Grants Management); and for other purposes.", which was passed by the Senate without amendments on April 29, 2016. [*For info-Will go to Governor*]

SEN. COMM. 19-155: (5/3/16) Returning H. B. 19-123, HS1, entitled, "To repeal and reenact 4 CMC Division 2, Chapter 2, eliminating the different types of concessions created by Public Law 4-60 and empowering the Commonwealth Ports Authority to grant concessions for Commonwealth ports and to determine the scope of the concessions that it grants, and for other purposes.", which was passed by the Senate without amendments on April 29, 2016. [*For info-Will go to Governor*]

SEN. COMM. 19-156: (5/5/16) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 19-38, entitled, "Commending the life and outstanding contributions of the late Honorable Benjamin Taisacan Manglona to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and its people and to pay tribute to his distinguished career in public office and his exemplary accomplishments.," which was adopted by the Senate on April 29, 2016. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 19-157: (5/5/16) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 19-39, entitled, "Recognizing and acknowledging the Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation for their heartfelt contributions to the communities in the CNMI and to express a sincere appreciation for their generous donations in the Typhoon Soudelor relief effort.," which was adopted by the Senate on April 29, 2016. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 19-158: (5/5/16) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 19-40, entitled, "To recognize and commend Honorable Judge David A. Wiseman for his distinguished service as an Associate Judge of the Commonwealth Superior Court and to honor him on the occasion of his retirement from the Commonwealth Superior Court.," which was adopted by the Senate on April 29, 2016. [*For info*]

## 8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 19-85: (4/25/16) From Representative Propst informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal/business matters beginning Thursday, April 28, 2016 until May 2, 2016 and request to be excused from any sessions or meetings during his absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 19-86: (4/28/16) From Representative Anthony T. Benavente informing the Speaker that he will be off-islands on official business from Sunday, May, 1, 2016 until Thursday, May 5, 2016 and request to be excused from any sessions or meetings during his absence. [*For info*]

## 9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

JUD. BR. COMM. 19-6: (4/26/16 received 4/27/16) Submission of CNMI Judiciary's expenditure report for First and Second Quarters of FY 2016. [*For Info*]

## 10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. 19-7: (4/21/16) From the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation re: **H. B. No. 19-141**, To amend 4 CMC §5559(b) and 6 CMC §3110(b) with respect to the I.D. Card requirements; and for other purposes.

## 11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS – None

## 12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (12)

**S. C. R. No. 19-73, S1:** Reporting on S. B. No. 19-42, SS1, entitled: "A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC §2806 prohibiting the Department of Public Lands from leasing any lands of the Commonwealth for any military live-fire or bombing activity; to require any proposed public land lease for any other military activity to be ratified by the people at a general or special election; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the full membership of the House decide on the bill in the form of S. B. No. 19-42, SS1, HD1.*

**S. C. R. No. 19-106:** Reporting on S. B. No. 19-11, entitled: "A Bill for an Act to establish a solid waste transfer station in the southern part of Saipan and Kagman; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass S. B. No. 19-11 in its current form.*

**S. C. R. No. 19-107:** Reporting on H. B. No. 19-134, entitled: "A Bill for an Act to amend 3 CMC § 1506 (a) and (b) Administrative Librarian: Duties and Qualifications and to provide a global amendment in Title 3, Chapter 5; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 19-134 in its current form.*

**S. C. R. No. 19-108:** Reporting on H. B. No. 19-141, entitled: "A Bill for an Act to amend 4 CMC §5559(b) and 6 CMC §3110(b) with respect to the I.D. Card requirements; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 19-141, HD1.*

**S. C. R. No. 19-109:** Reporting on S. B. No. 19-68, SD1, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to amend 4 CMC §51403 by adding a new subsection (f); and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of S. B. No. 19-68, SD1, HDI.*

**S. C. R. No. 19-110:** Reporting on H. B. No. 19-139, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to amend Title 1 Division 8 Part 2 Chapter 4 (Public Employment/Employee Compensation of the Commonwealth Code. To exempt the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) from the salary limitations imposed by the Compensation Adjustment Act.” *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 19-139, HDI.*

**S. C. R. No. 19-111:** Reporting on S. B. No. 19-61, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to amend 3 CMC §2824, 4 CMC §7103, 4 CMC §7301(d), 4 CMC §7105, 4 CMC §7112(b) and 4 CMC §7615(j) to assess the total costs of healthcare in the CNMI by establishing a claims and clinical data warehouse at CHCC and to improve accountability for how health insurance premiums are spent by requiring health insurance insurers and health care providers to submit reports on the Medical Loss Ratio and claims and clinical data to the insurance commissioner; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Health, Education and Welfare recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of S. B. No. 19-61, HDI.*

**S. C. R. No. 19-112:** Reporting on H. B. No. 19-45, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to amend 4 CMC §50131 (c), §50144 (b)-(d), and §50145 to increase fines, fees, and penalties regarding illegal sales of tobacco; for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 19-45, HDI.*

**S. C. R. No. 19-113:** Reporting on H. B. No. 19-71, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to require each public school, i.e. elementary and secondary education in the Commonwealth to prepare its fiscal year budget on an annual basis and to require the Commissioner of Education to incorporate such budget with the budgets of the Office of the Commissioner and the State Board of Education on an annual basis for submission to the Legislature for appropriation; pursuant to this Act.” *Your Committee on Health, Education and Welfare recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 19-71 in its current form.*

**S. C. R. No. 19-114:** Reporting on H. B. No. 19-55, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to prohibit Cruelty and theft of animals; to provide penalties for such acts; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 19-55, HDI.*

**S. C. R. No. 19-115:** Reporting on H. B. No. 19-122, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to establish a provision to provide an immediate designation of existing public lands for homestead lots within the CNMI; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 19-122, HDI.*





Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action

**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  
4/27/16:*

H. B. NO. 19-148: To regulate the possession of firearms in the Commonwealth. Prefiled by: REP. RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, George N. Camacho, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Glenn L. Maratita, Felicidad T. Ogumoro, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, and Francis S. Taimanao) – On April 27, 2016 the bill was withdrawn by the author.

H. B. NO. 19-153: To prohibit the taking and selling of certain sizes of fish species by adding a new section 5445 to Article 4, Chapter 6, Division 5 of Title 2 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO, of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 27, 2016; was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H. B. NO. 19-155: To establish an office of patient medical referrals that is designed to provide residents of the CNMI with a means of receiving medical care and treatment not available within the Commonwealth known as the Medical Referral Program; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 27, 2016; was referred to the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare.

H. B. NO. 19-156: To encourage investment in the Commonwealth by repealing provisions of the Earnings Tax, and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO, of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Ramon A. Tebuteb, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 27, 2016; was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 19-157: To provide for an increased rebate from the NMTIT for meeting increased business and employment standards; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO, of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Ramon A. Tebuteb, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 27, 2016; was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 19-158: To compensate private landowners whose properties were taken for public purposes and for court judgments. Introduced by REP. ANTHONY T. BENAVENTE of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on April 27, 2016; was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 19-159: To require test firing of all firearms as a requirement for obtaining an identification card. Introduced by REP. GLENN L. MARATITA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on April 27, 2016; was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 19-160: To prohibit hand guns with a barrel length less than 3.5 inches; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. GLENN L. MARATITA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on April 28, 2016; was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 19-161: To allow the Department of Public Lands (DPL) to grant revocable consent without fees to individuals, businesses, or organizations to construct and maintain driveways and sidewalks on public property; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANTONIO P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 27, 2016; was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H. L. B. No. 19-58: To appropriate \$120,000.00 from revenues to be collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANTONIO P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 27, 2016.

C. RES. No. 19-22: To honor the memory of †Anthony “Tonnei” Mendiola Camacho for his service to our great Commonwealth and his remarkable characteristics. Introduced by REP. VINSON F. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 4, (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Anthony T. Benavente, George N. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Glenn L. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Francis S. Taimanao, Ramon A. Tebuteb, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on April 27, 2016; and was placed on the Resolution Calendar.

C. RES. NO. 19-23: To honor the life of the late Honorable Benjamin Taisacan Manglona and to pay tribute for his unselfish commitment and exceptional accomplishments that has benefitted the entire Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which serves as an embodiment of great distinction. Introduced by REP. GLENN L. MARATITA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*, Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, George N. Camacho, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Felicidad T. Ogumoro, Edwin K. Propst, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, Francis S. Taimanao, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 27, 2016; and was placed on the Resolution Calendar.

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