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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 Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

Meeting: House of Representatives Seventh Day, Second Regular Session
Date and Time: Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at 10:00 AM
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas
Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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MEMORANDUM

DATE : 14 September 2017
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Rafael S. Demapan 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 7th Day, 2nd Regular Session

Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the **7th Day, 2nd Regular Session for Wednesday, 20 September 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
LB Director
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2017

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
7th Day, Second Regular Session	Wednesday, September 20, 2017	10:00 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 18, 2017
Third Day, Second Regular Session Journal – August 30, 2017
Fourth Day, Second Regular Session Journal – September 5, 2017
Fifth Day, Second Regular Session Journal – September 11, 2017
Sixth Day, Second Regular Session Journal – September 15, 2017

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. House Bills:

H. B. No. 20-124

To authorize and establish expedited partner therapy for certain sexually transmitted infections.

Prefiled by: **REP. JOSE I. ITIBUS** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez*)

H. B. No. 20-125

To generate funding for the repair and maintenance of CNMI roads and highways by increasing fees for registration of rental vehicles; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: **REP. FRANCISCO C. AGUON** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, and Edmund S. Villagomez*)

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. NO. 20-40

To appropriate up to One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$144,629.00) from the Second Senatorial District Developers Infrastructure Tax Fund; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*)

H. L. B. NO. 20-41

To appropriate \$9,336.00 specifically allotted to the Second Senatorial District under Public Law No. 18-30 as amended; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*)

H. L. B. NO. 20-42

To appropriate \$116,000.00 from the local license fees collected for pachinko slot machines and poker machines in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*)

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions:

B. House Joint Resolutions:

C. House Commemorative Resolutions:

C. RES. NO. 20-10

To commend the Kagman Community Health Center for earning national recognition by receiving the Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition from the National Committee for Quality Assurance.

Prefiled by: REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Glenn L. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez)

C. RES. NO. 20-11

To express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of the Late Honorable Ricardo Songao Atalig for his longstanding public service to the beloved citizens of Rota and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prefiled by: REP. GLENN L. MARATITA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Janet U. Maratita, and John Paul P. Sablan)

C. RES. NO. 20-12

To honor and extend our sincere appreciation to the numerous contributions Mr. Charles “Chip” Guard has made on behalf of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prefiled by: REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez)

D. House Concurrent Resolutions:

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 20-72: (8/30/17) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. NO. 20-17, D1, (“To appropriate funds specifically allotted to the Second Senatorial District under Public Law No. 18-30; and for other purposes.”). Became **Tinian Local Law 20-4** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-73: (8/30/17) Informing the House that he signed into law, S. L. B. NO. 20-2, D1, (“To establish “I Tano’-Mami” as the official anthem for the Municipality of Rota; and for other purposes.”). Became **Rota Local Law 20-6** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-74: (9/7/17) Returning H. B. NO. 20-108, HD1, To appropriate the amount of one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000.00) to pay for the outstanding retroactive lump-sum payment to active and inactive employees whose wages were frozen – as authorized by Public Law 19-75., pursuant to House action recalling it on September 5, 2017.

GOV. COMM. 20-75: (9/7/17) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Therese T. Ogumoro, Zoning Administrator, at the Zoning Board to receive an annual salary of \$65,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-76: (9/12/17) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Heather P. Barcinas, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-77: (9/12/17) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. NO. 20-116, SD2, (“To appropriate the amount of \$7,129,041.76 to pay the balance of the annual payments due to the Settlement Fund for FY 2014 and FY 2015.”). Became **Public Law 20-9** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-78: (9/14/17) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. NO. 20-36, S1, (“To appropriate the sum of One Million Dollars from the Exclusive Gaming Annual License Fees allotted to the Third Senatorial District under Public Law No. 18-56, to assist various entities and various projects within Precincts I, II, III, IV and V.”). Became **Saipan Local Law 20-10** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-79: (9/14/17) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Charles E. Brasington, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$58,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-80: (9/14/17) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Martin P. De Los Angeles, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$58,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-81: (9/14/17) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Jonathan R. Glass, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$58,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-82: (9/14/17) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Joseph M. Hallahan, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$58,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-83: (9/14/17) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Chester M. Hinds, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$62,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-84: (9/14/17) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Robert C. Lee, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$66,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-85: (9/14/17) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Matthew J. Pugh, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$58,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-86: (9/14/17) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Colby K. Stewart, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$55,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-87: (9/14/17) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Jonathan L. Wilberscheid, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$58,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-88: (9/14/17) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Hessel E. Yntema IV, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$56,000. [*For info*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 20-69: (9/8/17) Returning H. B. No. 20-75, HD1 (To establish the Drug Court Revolving Fund and to authorize the Commonwealth Superior Court's Drug Court to impose fees on Drug Court participants; and for other purposes.), which was passed by the Senate, without amendments on September 8, 2017. [*For info-Will go to Governor*]

[*READ 9/11/17*] SEN. COMM. 20-70: (9/8/17) Returning H. B. No. 20-105, HD2, 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 2018; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate with amendments on September 8, 2017, in the

form of H. B. No. 20-105, HD2, SD3. [For action on Senate amendments] [House rejected Senate amendments and moved to conference on 9/11/17]

SEN. COMM. 20-71: (9/12/17) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 20-12, entitled, "To recognize and congratulate the 2017 Northern Marianas College Graduates, Joy Waldo and Joshua Tanghal, on passing the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses.", which was adopted by the Senate on September 8, 2017. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 20-72: (9/12/17) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 20-3, entitled, "To extend our sincere condolences and sympathies to the family of the late Honorable Tony A. de Brum and to honor his memory whose worthy endeavors contributed to the quality and character of a true dignitary for his country, the Republic of the Marshall Islands.", which was adopted by the Senate on September 8, 2017. [*For info*]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 20-68: (9/8/17) From the Speaker informing all Members that he will be out of the Commonwealth on April 8, 2017 and designates Vice Speaker Janet U. Maratita as Acting Speaker. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 20-69: (09/07/17) From Representative Aguon informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal matters beginning Friday, September 15, 2017 and will be returning on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 and request to be excused from any and all official functions during his absence. [*For info*]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH - None

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES - None

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS - None

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES - (6)

S. C. R. No. 20-63: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-8, HS1, SD1, entitled: "To restrict the use of cellular/mobile telephones while driving vehicles; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Public Utilities and Communications recommends that the full membership of the House accept the amendments made by the Senate in the form of H. B. No. 20-8, HS1, SD1.*

S. C. R. No. 20-64: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-51, entitled: "A Bill for an Act to amend 2 CMC §40203 to extend the duration for tenancy upon termination of agreement before vacating the living premises." *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends the House pass H. B. No. 20-51 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 20-65: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-95, entitled: "A Bill for an Act to establish the Office of Probation Supervision and to clarify the powers and responsibilities of the office and its divisions; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends the House pass H. B. No. 20-95 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 20-66: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-104, entitled: “A Bill for an Act requiring mandatory sentences for third strike offenders in cases of serious and violent felonies.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends the House pass H. B. No. 20-104 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 20-67: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-58, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to establish a Loss Recovery Division within the Department of Finance; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 20-58, HD1.*

S. C. R. No. 20-68: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-70, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to clarify sections 20139 and 20140 relating to the CNMI Veterans Cemetery.” *Your Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs recommends the House pass H. B. No. 20-70 in its current form.*

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES - None

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action
H. Res. No. 20-2	A House Resolution to respectfully request the Secretary of the Department of Public Lands to preserve and designate 30,000 square meters of feasible public land on the island of Saipan for the future site of the Indigenous Cultural Center. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 20-62]	

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
H. B. NO. 20-71, HS1	A Bill for an Act to make the Department of Lands and Natural Resources responsible for collecting the Managaha Fee and removing the Department of Public Lands as recipient of the Managaha Fees; and for other purposes. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 20-47]	
H. B. NO. 20-28	A Bill for an Act to amend 4 CMC §§§ 2306, 2307 and 2308 (Public Law No. 18-56) to authorize, establish, and fund a Casino Gross Revenue Tax Account and CNMI Retiree Future Generation Pension Plan.	
H. B. NO. 20-13	A Bill for an Act to designate and establish Susupe Lake and its surrounding wetland as “Susupe Lake Wildlife Park” for the purpose of and in accordance with this Act. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 20-56]	
H. B. NO. 20-73	A Bill for an Act to amend Title 2, Division 4, Chapter 1 of the Commonwealth Code by inserting new sections to restrict the rezoning of public lands until the completion of the comprehensive land use plans. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 20-60]	

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
H. B. No. 20-81	A Bill for an Act to amend Title 1, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 14 of the Commonwealth Code by inserting new sections to restrict future public land leases until the completion of the comprehensive land use plans. <i>See [S. C. R. No. 20-61]</i>	

17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY: 1st Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on
September 11, 2017: None*

House information on deadlines for override: