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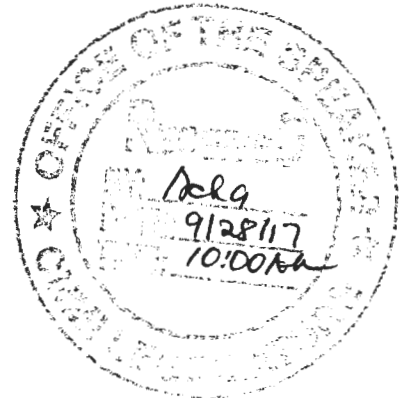
Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor

Victor B. Hocog
Lieutenant Governor

26 SEP 2017

The Honorable Arnold I. Palacios
Senate President, The Senate
Twentieth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Rafael S. Demapan
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twentieth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950



Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law Senate Bill No. 20-48, entitled, "To amend 3 CMC § 1506 to change the position of administrative librarian to public library director; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 20-14**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

RALPH DLG. TORRES

cc: Lt. Governor; Press Secretary; Joeten Kiyu Public Library; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review

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SENATE BILL NO. 20-48

AN ACT

To amend 3 CMC § 1506 to change the position of administrative librarian to public library director; and for other purposes.

SENATE ACTION

Offered by Senator(s): Justo S. Quitugua

Date: June 21, 2017

Referred to: Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law

Standing Committee Report No.: None


First and Final Reading: August 03, 2017

HOUSE ACTION

Referred to: None

Standing Committee Report No.: None

First and Final Reading: August 18, 2017


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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that Public Law 7-18,
2 codified at 3 CMC § 1501 *et seq.*, provides that the Joeten Kiyu Public Library shall be
3 governed by the Commonwealth Library Council and be supported by an “administrative
4 librarian.” However, the Joeten Kiyu Public Library has been supported or managed by an
5 “executive director” or “library director” instead of an administrative librarian since 2009
6 due to the lack of qualified professional librarians in the Commonwealth.

7 The Legislature further finds that 3 CMC § 1506 must be amended to change the
8 position of “administrative librarian” to “public library director” of the Joeten Kiyu Public
9 library. The qualifications of the public library director must also be amended to provide
10 that a person with at least a bachelor’s degree with 5 years’ experience in library services
11 may serve as the public library director. However, the new qualifications of the public
12 library director may not be implemented until such time that the public library director
13 becomes vacant.

14 **Section 2. Amendment.** 3 CMC § 1506 is amended to read as follows:

15 “§ 1506. ~~Administrative Librarian~~ **Public Library Director: Duties and**
16 **Qualifications.**

17 (a) The ~~administrative librarian~~ public library director shall advise the Library
18 Council and shall be responsible for implementing the recommendations and policy set by

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1 the council. The ~~administrative librarian~~ public library director may hire and supervise
2 such staff as may be necessary to assist in carrying out the ~~administrative librarian~~ library
3 duties. In addition, the ~~administrative librarian~~ public library director shall be responsible
4 for the completion of required reports and shall oversee interlibrary cooperative
5 agreements.

6 (b) The ~~administrative librarian~~ public library director shall hold a bachelor's
7 degree with at least five years of professional library leadership experience ~~master's degree~~
8 ~~in library science or equivalent degree from a professionally accredited institution of~~
9 ~~higher learning and have had a minimum of five years of experience as a professional~~
10 ~~librarian.~~

11 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, the public library director may
12 hold a high school diploma with at least 15 years of professional library leadership
13 experience."

14 **Section 3. Global Amendment.** Wherever "administrative librarian" appears in
15 Title 3, Chapter 5, it shall be amended to read "public library director."

16 **Section 4. Sunset.** Section 1506(c) of Title 3 of the Commonwealth Code shall
17 automatically expire without further action upon such time that the public library director
18 becomes vacant.

19 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
20 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
21 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
22 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

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

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1 Section 7. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
2 Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:



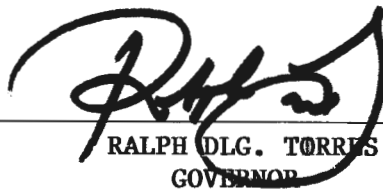
ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ATTESTED BY:



JUSTO S. QUITUGUA
SENATE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY

Approved this 26th day of September, 2017



RALPH DLG. TORRES
GOVERNOR

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands