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Governor

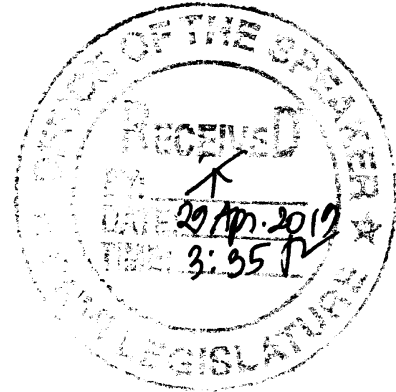
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Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH of the NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

29 APR 2019

The Honorable Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-First Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Victor B. Hocog
Senate President, The Senate
Twenty-First Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950



Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:


This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Bill No. 21-37, HD1** entitled, "To amend Public Law 20-61 Section 2(c)(2) to fund the personnel and operations of the Tinian Municipal Government; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 21-1**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor

cc: Lt. Governor; Press Secretary; Attorney General's Office; Secretary of Finance; Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan; Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission; Department of Community & Cultural Affairs, Tinian Office of Aging; Tinian Department of Public Works; Tinian Department of Finance; Office of Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review

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*Twenty-First Legislature
of the
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands*
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

APRIL 12, 2019

REPRESENTATIVE ANTONIO SN. BORJA of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*), in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

H. B. No. 21-37, HD1

AN ACT

**TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 20-61 SECTION 2(C)(2) TO FUND
THE PERSONNEL AND OPERATIONS OF THE TINIAN
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Bill was not referred to a House Committee.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON
FIRST AND FINAL READING, APRIL 12, 2019;**
with amendments in the form of H. B. No. 21-37, HD1 and transmitted to the
THE SENATE.

The Bill was not referred to a Senate Committee.
THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FINAL READING, APRIL 22, 2019;
without amendments and was returned to
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON APRIL 12, 2019.



Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



Twenty-First Legislature
of the
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIRST DAY, FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

APRIL 12, 2019

H. B. No. 21-37, HD1

AN ACT

TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 20-61 SECTION 2(C)(2) TO FUND THE PERSONNEL AND OPERATIONS OF THE TINIAN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 **Section 1. Findings and Propose.** The Legislature finds that the Municipality of Tinian
2 and Aguiguan was severely impacted by a drop in revenue collections both locally and at the
3 CNMI level, resulting from the impact of Super-Typhoon Yutu. Accordingly, the Municipality
4 of Tinian and Aguiguan is in need of additional resources to be able to employ its employees for
5 the balance of Fiscal Year 2019.

6 The purpose of this Act is to amend Public Law 20-61 Section 2(c)(2) to fund the
7 personnel and operations for the municipal government of Tinian and Aguiguan; Tinian
8 Municipal Treasury employees; the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission personnel and
9 operations; and the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan.

10 **Section 2. Amendment.** Public Law 20-61 Section 2(c)(2) is hereby amended as
11 follows:

12 “(2) \$1,200,000 for the Second Senatorial District to fund the following:

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1 (A) \$1,090,000 for personnel and operations, and public programs for the
2 municipal government of Tinian; Tinian Municipal Treasury employees; the Tinian
3 Casino Gaming Control Commission personnel and operations; and the Office of Mayor
4 of Tinian and Aguiguan under the expenditure authority of the Mayor of Tinian and
5 Aguiguan.

6 (B) \$60,000 for the procurement of one (1) van for the Office of Aging under the
7 Department of Community and Cultural Affairs-Tinian under the expenditure authority
8 of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan;

9 (C) \$25,000 for the procurement of one (1) vehicle for the Division of Building
10 Safety under the Department of Public Works-Tinian under the expenditure authority of
11 the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan;

12 (D) \$25,000 for the procurement of one (1) vehicle for the Department of
13 Finance-Tinian under the expenditure authority of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan.”

14 **Section 3. No Fiscal Year Limitation.** Notwithstanding any laws provisions or
15 regulations to the contrary, the funds appropriated under this Act shall be appropriated without
16 fiscal year limitation(s).

17 **Section 4. Management of Funds.** Notwithstanding any laws or regulations to the
18 contrary the Secretary of Finance shall transfer funds to the Tinian Municipal Treasury upon the
19 written request of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan.

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

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

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1 liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes
2 effective.

3 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor,
4 or its becoming law without such approval.

Attested to by:



Linda B. Muña, House Clerk

Certified by:



SPEAKER BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO
House of Representatives
21st Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Approved this *29th* day of *April*, 2019



RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands