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The Honorable Benjamin T. Manglona
Senate President
Sixth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

GOV. COMM. 6-72
(HOUSE)

and

The Honorable Pedro R. Guerrero
Speaker, House of Representatives
Sixth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

This is to inform you that I have signed into law Senate Bill No. 6-30, S.D.I, the Tinian Agricultural Homestead Act of 1988.

I have signed this bill in order to allow ample time for the Marianas Public Land Corporation to proceed with whatever preparation or request it needs in order to implement the Agriculture Homestead Program for the island of Tinian.

Although the purpose of this bill is understood, I urge the Legislature to review the concerns that have been provided to the members of the Legislature, and to expedite the necessary amendments.

This bill becomes Public Law No. 6-15. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your ready reference.

Sincerely,


PEDRO P. TENORIO
Governor

CC: Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1988

AN ACT

To establish an agricultural homestead program for the island of Tinian, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1. Short Title. This Act may be cited as the Tinian
2 Agricultural Homestead Act of 1988.

3 Section 2. Designation of Homestead Areas. Such areas of public
4 land on the island of Tinian as may be suitable for agricultural
5 purposes, and which are not required for government use or reserved for
6 other purposes by any provision of law, and are in accordance with the
7 MPLC Comprehensive Land Use Plan, shall be designated by the Marianas
8 Public Land Corporation on behalf of the Commonwealth Government for
9 agricultural homesteading purposes. Such areas may, in accordance with
10 applicable provisions of law, be allotted to qualified persons for the
11 purpose of farming with the right to receive a freehold interest in the
12 homestead after three years after the homestead is granted and to
13 transfer a freehold interest in the homestead after ten years after the
14 freehold interest is received.

15 Section 3, Establishment of Area; Requirements for Use of
16 Property.

17 (a) Subject to Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of
18 the Northern Mariana Islands, the Marianas Public Land Corporation shall
19 require and establish the following:

1 (1) Subject to the availability of public land
2 for agricultural homesteading purposes, the maximum
3 area of land allowable for each agricultural tract
4 that may be made available to each qualified person
5 under this Act shall be one hectare;

6 (2) Standards and requirements for the use,
7 occupation and development of the homestead tracts
8 granted under this Act consistent with applicable
9 provisions of law;

10 Section 4. Eligibility to Homestead. Eligibility to enter upon
11 or acquire rights to public land under this Act shall be determined in
12 accordance with 2 CMC section 4303; provided that no person, clan,
13 lineage, family or group of persons may be permitted to enter upon or
14 acquire rights under this Act unless that person, or persons, have been
15 domiciliaries of the island of Tinian for not less than five (5) years,
16 totally.

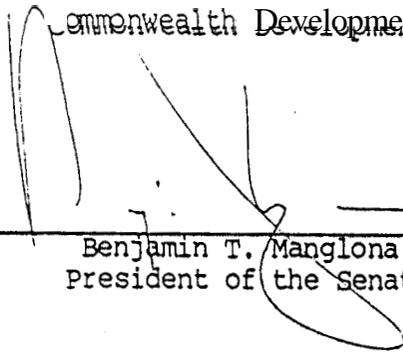
17 Section 5. Application for Homestead Land; Conditions of
18 Occupancy; Deeds of Conveyance and Certificates of Compliance. The
19 procedures of applications for homestead land, the conditions under
20 which a person, or persons, may enter upon and commence the use and
21 improvement of the land, the eligibility for receipt of deeds of
22 conveyance and for certificates of compliance shall be governed by the
23 General Provisions of the Homestead Law (2 CMC 4301 et. seq.), provided
24 that before the issuance of a certificate of compliance a person, clan,
25 lineage, family or group of persons must have resided on the island of

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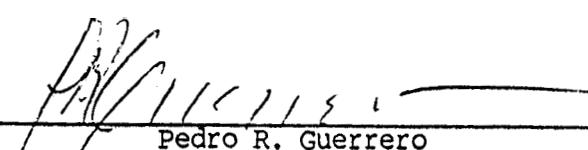
1 Tinian for three (3) years from the date of entry upon the homestead
2 land and must have-complied with all rules, regulations and requirements
3 concerning the use, occupation and developnent of the land for
4 agricultural or grazing purposes as established under Section 3 (a)(2)
5 of this Act.

6 Section 6. Severability. If any provision of this Act is held
7 invalid, the validity of the remainder of the act or any such provisions
8 shall not be affected thereby,

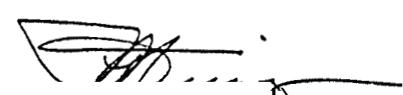
9 Section 7. Effective Date. This Act shall become law upon its
10 approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such
11 approval and shall take effect upon the availability of the homestead
12 development funds identified in the series bonds issued by the
13 Commonwealth Development Authority.



Benjamin T. Manglona
President of the Senate



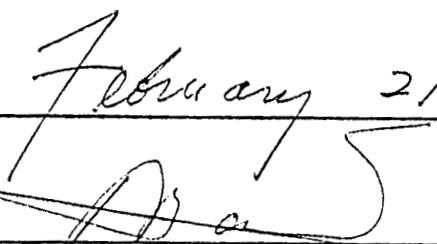
Pedro R. Guerrero
Speaker of the House



Manuel P. Villagomez
Senate Legislative Secretary

ATTEST:


Evelyn T. Castro
House Clerk


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PEDRO P. TENORIO
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands