



# COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**Benigno R. Fitial**  
Governor

**Timothy P. Villagomez**  
Lieutenant Governor

The Honorable Oscar M. Babauta  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Fifteenth Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

FEB 26 2007

The Honorable Joseph M. Mendiola  
Senate President  
Fifteenth 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. 15-190, entitled, "To rename the NMI Retirement Building at Capitol Hill 'Governor Lorenzo I. De Leon Guerrero Retirement Fund Building'; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Fifteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 15-47**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benigno R. Fitial".

BENIGNO R. FITIAL

Enclosure

cc: Administrator, NMI Retirement Fund  
Chairman, NMI Retirement Fund  
Secretary, Department of Finance  
Special Assistant for Administration  
Special Assistant for Programs & Legislative Review



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**FIFTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**  
FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2006

PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-47

**H. B. No. 15-190**

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**In the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Offered by Representatives:** Ray N. Yumul, Martin B. Ada, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Crispin M. Ogo, Justo S. Quitugua, and Stanley T. McGinnis Torres

**Date:** November 24, 2006

Referred to: None  
Public Hearing: None  
Standing Committee Report: None

**Passed First and Final Reading on November 24, 2006**

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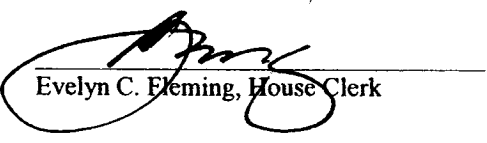
**In the SENATE**

Referred to: None  
Public Hearing: None  
Standing Committee Report: None

**Passed Final Reading on January 31, 2007**

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Evelyn C. Fleming, House Clerk



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

1           **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that the late Honorable  
2 Lorenzo I. De Leon Guerrero dedicated over twenty years of his life to public service for the  
3 people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The late Honorable Lorenzo  
4 I. De Leon Guerrero was elected as a senator in the Fourth and Fifth Northern Marianas  
5 Islands Legislature in 1972 and 1976. He served as delegate and president of the First  
6 Marianas Constitutional Convention in 1976. The late Honorable Lorenzo I. De Leon  
7 Guerrero was further elected as a senator and the first senate president of the First Northern  
8 Marianas Commonwealth Legislature in 1978. He further served as a delegate and chairman  
9 on the Committee on Finance and Other Matters at the Second Constitutional Convention in  
10 1984.

11           The late Honorable Lorenzo I. De Leon Guerrero was elected as the third Governor of  
12 the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas in 1990. As Governor of the Commonwealth,  
13 the late Lorenzo I. De Leon Guerrero significantly improved and expanded the  
14 Commonwealth's infrastructure including installing traffic lights throughout Saipan.  
15 Furthermore, the late Honorable Lorenzo I. De Leon Guerrero was instrumental in the  
16 establishment of the Northern Mariana Island Retirement Fund as well as the construction of  
17 the Northern Mariana Island Retirement Fund Building at Capitol Hill. The purpose of this  
18 legislation is to honor the late Honorable Lorenzo I. De Leon Guerrero's contributions to the

1 people of the Commonwealth by renaming the Northern Mariana Island Retirement Fund  
2 Building the "Governor Lorenzo I. De Leon Guerrero Retirement Fund Building."

3 **Section 2. Amendment.** Title 1, Chapter 4, Article 2 of the Commonwealth Code is  
4 amended by adding a new § 430 to read as follows:

5 "§ 430. **NMI Retirement Building; Governor Lorenzo I. De Leon**  
6 **Guerrero Retirement Fund Building.**

7 (a) *Naming.* The Northern Mariana Islands Retirement  
8 Building at Capitol Hill, Saipan is hereby renamed the "GOVERNOR  
9 LORENZO I. DE LEON GUERRERO RETIREMENT FUND BUILDING,"  
10 in honor of Lorenzo I. De Leon Guerrero, the third Governor of the  
11 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

12 (b) *Dedication.* The Governor and the Northern Marianas  
13 Retirement Fund, in consultation with the family of the late Honorable  
14 Lorenzo I. De Leon Guerrero, shall prepare a plan of dedication within a  
15 reasonable time after the effective date of this Act."

16 **Section 3. Appropriation.** The Governor is hereby authorized to reprogram the sum  
17 of \$5,000.00 from the general fund to implement the intent and purpose of this Act.

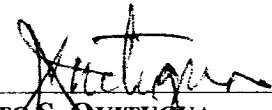
18 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such  
19 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent  
20 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or  
21 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

22 **Section 5. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be  
23 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes  
24 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers  
25 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law.  
26 The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying,  
27 any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act  
28 becomes effective.

1 Section 6. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the  
2 Governor or becoming law without such approval.

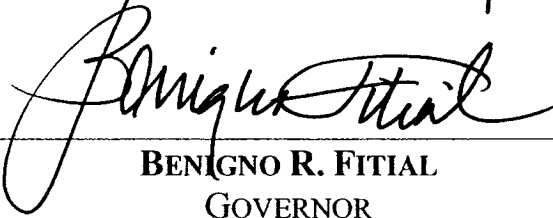
CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED TO BY:

  
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JUSTO S. QUITUGUA  
ACTING SPEAKER

  
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EVELYN C. FLEMING  
HOUSE CLERK

APPROVED on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2007

  
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BENIGNO R. FITIAL  
GOVERNOR  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS