The Honorable Joaquin G. Adriano  
Senate President, The Senate  
Fourteenth Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Benigno R. Fitial  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Fourteenth Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law House Bill No. 14-335, entitled, "To appropriate $518,000.00 from Public Law 13-38 (Tobacco Control Funds) to the Northern Marianas College (NMC) for the payment of adjunct faculty for the Summer Session 2005 and for the Nursing Program; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Fourteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

House Bill No. 14-335 appropriates Five Hundred Eighteen Thousand Dollars ($518,000) from Public Law 13-38 (Tobacco Control Funds) of which Two Hundred Eight Thousand Dollars ($208,000.00) is allocated to the Northern Marianas College for the payment of adjunct faculty for the Summer Session 2005, and Three Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars ($310,000.00) is appropriated for the Nursing Program. The Administration fully supports these programs and is aware that the appropriation of these critically needed additional funds to NMC will remove all obstacles facing NMC's efforts to initiate a
comprehensive summer program that will further the educational enhancement of our people and allow them to complete their college degree and/or certificate of completion within a timely manner.

This bill becomes Public Law No. 14-75. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

JUAN N. BABAUTA

CC: Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Secretary, Department of Public Health
Executive Director, Board of Nurse Examiners
Commissioner, Public School System
Secretary, Department of Finance
Secretary, Department of Commerce
Special Assistant for Management and Budget
Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review
AN ACT

To appropriate $518,000.00 from Public Law 13-38 (Tobacco Control Funds) to the Northern Marianas College (NMC) for the payment of adjunct faculty for the Summer Session 2005 and for the Nursing Program; and for other purposes.

Introduced by Representatives: Arnold I. Palacios, David M. Apatang, Jesus T. Attao, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Heinz S. Hofschneider, Janet U. Maratita, Norman S. Palacios, Justo S. Quitugua, Benjamin B. Seman, and Ramon A. Tebuteb

Date: May 24, 2005

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

Passed First and Final Reading on May 24, 2005

In the SENATE

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

Passed Final Reading on June 10, 2005
AN ACT

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE FOURTEENTH Northern MarianaCS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Short Title. This Act may be cited as the NMC Supplemental Act of 2005.

Section 2. Findings. The Legislature finds that the NMC is unable to offer Summer Courses due to the fact that funds are only available up to Spring 2005 (ending May 2005). The Legislature feels that it is important to fund the Summer session 2005 so that the students can complete their degrees. The Legislature also finds that the Nursing Program at NMC is of great importance to the Commonwealth and needs to be funded as well.

Section 3. Appropriations. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, there is hereby appropriated $518,000.00 from PL 13-38: $208,000.00 for the payment of adjunct faculty for the Summer session 2005 and $310,000.00 for the Nursing Program. The expenditure authority shall be the President of the Northern Mariana College and shall be available without fiscal year limitations.

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

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

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

CERTIFIED BY:

[Signature]
Benigno R. Fitial
Speaker of the House

ATTESTED TO BY:

[Signature]
Evelyn C. Fleming
House Clerk

Approved on this 21st day of June, 2005

Juan H. Belul
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands