



PROCLAMATION



OCTOBER 3-9, 2021

WHEREAS, 4-H is America’s largest youth development organization, supporting nearly six million youth across the country; and

WHEREAS, 4-H in the Northern Mariana Islands was founded in the 1950’s; and

WHEREAS, 4-H, through initial efforts, participated in planting various crops including native, medicinal and edible plants; and

WHEREAS, 4-H has helped develop life skills within the youth through livestock, self-esteem, goal setting and leadership programs; and

WHEREAS, 4-H has aided youth learn entrepreneurial and fiscal management skills through the Farm Services Agency (FSA) youth loan program; and

WHEREAS, 4-H established youth sports promoting different forms of activity in an effort to combat Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs); and

WHEREAS, 4-H has helped over 20,000 youth in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to become confident, independent, resilient and compassionate leaders; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is delivered by *Cooperative Extension*, – a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn-by-doing through hands-on projects in important areas of health, science, agriculture and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, National 4-H Week showcases the incredible ways that 4-H inspires kids to do and highlights the remarkable 4-H youth in the CNMI who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them; and

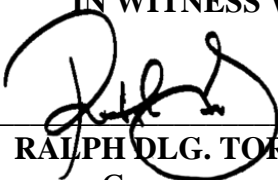
WHEREAS, 4-H’s network of nearly 500,000 volunteers and 3,500 professionals provides caring and supportive mentoring to all 4-H’ers, helping them to grow into true leaders, entrepreneurs and visionaries;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RALPH DLG. TORRES, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and **I, ARNOLD I. PALACIOS**, Lt. Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, by virtue of the authority vested in us by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby proclaim **October 3-9, 2021** as

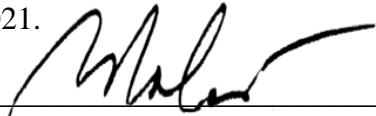
NATIONAL 4-H WEEK IN THE CNMI

We encourage all of our citizens to recognize 4-H for the significant impact they have made and continue to make by empowering youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands on this 4th day of October 2021.



RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor



ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Lieutenant Governor