



PROCLAMATION

CNMI PRIDE MONTH JUNE 2022

WHEREAS, the CNMI is comprised of a diverse and vibrant culture founded on the spirit of inafamaolek and continuously striving to maintain and promote harmony; and,

WHEREAS, the CNMI community has built on remarkable progress to uplift, center and support Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender communities across generations, spanning every sexual orientation, and gender identity; and,

WHEREAS, the progress of empowering LGBTQIA+ people and the vital work of allies to bridge understanding exemplifies the vastness of our ocean and comes with the task to expand rights and encourage accountability for each other; and,

WHEREAS, even while the community embodies an extraordinary resilience, there continue to be challenges for those on the margins of the margins. Transgender, non-binary, and femme-identifying folks ought to be heard and followed when they take the lead; and,

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ continue to push our community to aspire to greater existence by being more inclusive, creating spaces of belonging, and exemplifying compassion for every human in every walk of life; and,

WHEREAS, allies across the Marianas band together to support LGBTQIA+ communities in their fight for equity, demonstrating the true spirit of all who call the Marianas home without exclusivity; and,

WHEREAS, institutions in government, education, healthcare, and others are vital in shaping relationships among our LGBTQIA+ community and serving to create an atmosphere of love and value for every life; and,

WHEREAS, with this declaration, our community vows that every month and every year, is the right time to shut the door on prejudice, discrimination, and ignorance. Instead, we choose love that sees no bounds. We Rise Above, And Lead with Love.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RALPH DLG. TORRES, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby proclaim **June 2022** as

CNMI PRIDE MONTH

I urge the entire Commonwealth to come together to recognize and support our LGBTQIA+ community, acknowledge and celebrate their many contributions to our society, and promote equality and liberty for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this 1st day of June 2022.



RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor