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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2026-006

SUBJECT: Renewing Declaration of State of Significant Emergency.

AUTHORITY: NMI Const. art. III, § 10 provides that the “governor may declare a state of emergency in the case of invasion, civil disturbance, natural disaster, or other calamity as provided by law, and may mobilize available resources to respond to that emergency”; and 1 CMC § 20144 provides that “[t]he Governor upon the occurrence of a major disaster or a state significant emergency shall declare a state of major disaster or a state [of] significant emergency.”

WHEREAS, Super Typhoon Sinlaku wreaked devastating damage as a Category 4 typhoon upon landfall to the populated islands within the CNMI, including Saipan, Tinian, and Rota; and

WHEREAS, The hard work of repairs to the power grid, restoration of water service, and restoration of transportation and communications systems continues;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID M. APATANG, 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, hereby order as follows:

Renewed Declaration of State of Significant Emergency.

In consultation with CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, I hereby declare a continued State of Significant Emergency for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This emergency declaration is necessary for the Commonwealth Government to identify and mobilize available resources to continue repair and restoration work to damage inflicted by Super Typhoon Sinlaku to the Mariana Islands.

The Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) is the agency tasked with primary authority for addressing this emergency, in collaboration with federal and local partners.

The Special Assistant for HSEM may issuance additional guidance regarding activation of personnel for ongoing typhoon response and repair work through the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), including criteria governing qualification for typhoon premium pay.

By this declaration, I hereby authorize the deployment and use of any forces and the use or distribution of any supplies, equipment, materials, facilities and personnel to be made available pursuant to the CNMI Emergency Operations Plan.

This continued State of Significant Emergency will remain in effect for an additional thirty (30) days or until rescinded or further renewed.

It is so Ordered,

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED on this 11th day of May 2026.



David M. Apatang
Governor