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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

DIRECTIVE 2026-005

Date: June 24, 2026

To: All Executive Branch Department, Office, and Activity Heads

From: Governor David M. Apatang

Subject: Revised Austerity Measures for Executive Branch Departments and Agencies for the Remainder of Fiscal Year 2026

As indicated in my Notice to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, estimated revenues for Fiscal Year 2026 have been reduced by approximately 10% due to the devastating impact of Super Typhoon Sinlaku. As a result, further reduction in working hours for government employees has become an unfortunate necessity.

By the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Reduction in Hours.

- a) All executive branch departments and agencies of the CNMI Government, including federal programs, shall observe a reduction in hours based on the following schedule:
 - Tuesday – Friday: 7:30am - 4:30pm
 - All Mondays – AUSTERITY DAY OFF
- b) The government must remain open for business during regular working hours as provided in this Section, including during the lunch hour.
- c) For Civil Service employees, the reduction in work hours is effective Sunday, July 12, 2026, and will continue through the end of Fiscal Year 2026 or until further notice.
- d) For Excepted Service employees, the reduction in work hours is effective Sunday, July 26, 2026, and will continue through the end of Fiscal Year 2026 or until further notice.
- e) All employees in 100% federally funded positions are exempted from the reduction in hours pursuant to this directive. Except as specifically otherwise provided in this directive, the provisions of Directive 2025-008A and Directive 2025-009 remain in effect.

Section 2. Hours Subject to Modification.

Subject to budgetary authority, availability of funds with actual collections, and program operational needs, hours may be subject to fluctuation between 64 and 70 hours per pay period.

Section 3. General Provisions.

a) This directive shall be implemented consistent with applicable law.

b) Nothing in this directive shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

- (i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof;
or
- (ii) the functions of the Department of Finance relating to collection of revenues.

c) This directive is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the Commonwealth, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure A – Memorandum Re: Notice

Enclosure B – Notice Template

cc: Lieutenant Governor
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All Branches, Municipalities, Departments and Agencies