

TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION 4: LAND RESOURCES

§ 4851. House of Taga Park; Designation as Commonwealth Historic Site.

The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall designate the House of Taga Park on the island of Tinian as a Commonwealth Historical Site under the administration of the Historic Preservation Office. The park shall be co-managed and maintained by the Historic Preservation Office and the Division of Parks and Recreation. The Tinian Division of Parks and Recreation shall continue to maintain the park site. The Historic Preservation Office shall assume management and administration of the House of Taga Park Historical Site.

Source: PL 17-18 § 2 (September 30, 2010), modified.

Commission Comment: The Commission changed capitalization for conformity pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(f). Public Law 17-18 (effective September 30, 2010) included severability and savings provisions and the following:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds that the House of Taga Park on the island of Tinian contains invaluable historical artifacts and remnants of ancient Chamorro culture. Among other historically significant artifacts, the Tinian Taga Park contains ancient latte stones and skeletal remains of indigenous Chamorro people. The Legislature further finds that the park should be preserved and maintained in a manner that will recognize and protect these valuable ancestral resources and allow the site to be managed in such a way that adds value to its cultural significance.

Therefore, it is the purpose of this Act to designate the House of Taga park on Tinian as a Commonwealth Historical Site that shall fall under the supervision and management of the Historic Preservation Office.