



## COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**Benigno R. Fitial**  
Governor

**Eloy S. Inos**  
Lieutenant Governor

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2012-02

#### DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (“CHC”) provides the bulk of necessary and critical healthcare in the Commonwealth, as well as providing all emergency medical services; and

**WHEREAS**, the disruption of the provision of medical services by the CHC poses a direct threat to the health, welfare and safety of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

**WHEREAS**, the CHC is currently in arrears to payments to vendors providing vital services and equipment and is in arrears to salary payments to vital and necessary employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the CHC requires an infusion of funds to continue to provide medical services necessary for health, welfare and safety of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

**WHEREAS**, the Marianas Public Land Trust (“MPLT”) and the CHC have agreed to a loan agreement to provide needed funds to the CHC so it may continue its service critical to the people of the CNMI; and

**WHEREAS**, for the above loan to be enacted the Commonwealth government must give its agreement to the terms of the loan; and

**WHEREAS**, Article III §10 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth and section 5101 et seq. of Title Three of the Commonwealth Code provides that the Governor has the authority and duty to take the necessary steps to respond impending disasters;

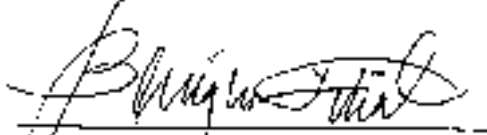
**NOW THEREFORE**, a State of Emergency for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is declared due to the imminent threat of the disruption of critical medical services in the Commonwealth and the danger that such a condition poses to the public because of the great increase in otherwise preventable deaths that would result.

In order to meet this imminent threat, the Constitutional authority provided under Article III §10 is invoked, including, but not limited to, the authority to:

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1. Enter into a loan agreement among the Commonwealth, CHC and MPLT; and
2. Suspend all statutory or regulatory provisions as required; and
3. The reprogramming of funds necessary to meet this emergency.

Done this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012

  
Benigno R. Fitial  
GOVERNOR