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Governor Torres: President Trump approves CNMI Emergency Declaration

After sending a letter requesting an emergency declaration for the CNMI on Tuesday, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres announced on Wednesday that President Donald J. Trump has expeditiously approved his request for an emergency declaration as Typhoon Yutu makes its way to the Marianas.

“I am pleased to announce that President Trump has expeditiously approved my request for an emergency declaration for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. We transmitted our request to the White House through FEMA Region IX yesterday,” Governor Torres said.

FEMA is now authorized to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures, authorized under Title V of the Stafford Act, to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe on the three islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Specifically, FEMA is authorized to provide emergency protective measures limited to direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance Program at 75 percent federal funding.

This assistance is for the municipalities of Rota, Saipan, Tinian, and the Northern Islands.

Additional designations may be made at a later date after further evaluation.

“Thank you to the President, the White House, FEMA, and our federal partners for acting on this expeditiously. And special thanks to everyone at the Homeland Security and Emergency Management and our local first responders for doing the necessary work to push this immediately,” Governor Torres added.

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