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for the Northern Mariana Islands  
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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

BETTY JOHNSON, on behalf of herself,  
and as a representative of a class of  
similarly-situated persons,

Plaintiff,

v.

ARNOLD I. PALACIOS, Governor of the  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana  
Islands ("Government"), *et al.*,

Defendants.

CIVIL CASE NO. 09-00023

**ORDER**

Granting Request for Approval of Settlement  
(ECF No. 860)

Before the court is a Notice of Settlement in NMI Superior Court Civil Action No. 11-0114-CV ("Superior Court Action") and Request for Approval of Settlement filed by the NMI Settlement Fund ("Request"). *See* ECF No. 860. A copy of the Settlement Agreement supporting the request was attached as Exhibit A to the filing. *See* ECF No. 860-1.

Having carefully reviewed the Request and the Settlement Agreement reached in the Superior Court Action and there being no objection, the court finds that the terms of the Settlement Agreement and settlement amount of \$3,469,797.00 are fair, reasonable and adequate, and in the best interest of all Settlement Class Members.

**THEREFORE**, the court ORDERS as follows: the Settlement Agreement is APPROVED in all respects, and the parties shall perform its terms.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**



**/s/ Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood**  
**Designated Judge**  
**Dated: Oct 20, 2023**