Northern Mariana Islands

Flower ................................................................. Plumeria
Bird .......................................................... Marians Fruit Dove
Tree ........................................................... Flame Tree
Song ......................................................... Gå Tålo Gå Hålåga Tål

Administered by the United States
a trusteeship for the United Nations .................. July 18, 1947
Voters approved a proposed constitution .............. June 1975
U.S. president signed covenant agreeing
to commonwealth status for the islands ............... March 24, 1976
Became a self-governing Commonwealth .............. January 9, 1978
Capital ............................................................. Saipan

STATISTICS

Land Area (square miles) ........................................... 179
Population ............................................................ 53,883
Density per square mile ............................................ 300.7
Capital City ......................................................... Saipan
Population ........................................................... 48,220
Largest City ......................................................... Saipan
Delegate to Congress* .............................................. 1
Number of School Districts ...................................... 1

*Committee voting privileges only.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Legislative Body .................................................. Legislature

President of the Senate ........................................... Arnold Palacios
Vice President of the Senate ................................ Steven King Memleng
Clerk of the Senate ................................................ Doris Bernadales

Speaker of the House ............................................ Rafael S. Demapat
Vice Speaker of the House ...................................... Janet Mamehita
Clerk of the House ................................................ Linda B. Muna

2016 Regular Session ............................................ Jan. 11 – TBD
Number of Senatorial Districts .............................. 9
Number of Representative Districts ...................... 18

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Governor ........................................................... Ralph D.G. Torres
Lieutenant Governor .............................................. Victor Heoog
Attorney General .................................................. Edward Manibusan
Treasurer .............................................................. Mark R. Babauta (Secretary of Commerce)
Auditor ............................................................... Michael Fai
Comptroller ........................................................ Larrisa Larson (Secretary, Dept. of Finance)

Governor’s Present Term .................................. 12/2015 – 1/2019
Number of Elected Officials in the Executive Branch .......... 10
Number of Members in the Cabinet ......................... 17

JUDICIAL BRANCH

Highest Court .................................................... Commonwealth Supreme Court
Commonwealth Supreme Court Chief Justice .... Alejandro C. Castro
Number of Commonwealth Supreme Court Judges ........... 3