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**Press Release**

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### **Guma' Hustisia Mold Remediation Projects Moving Forward**

On June 15, 2018, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres signed into law an appropriation bill that includes \$7 million for the Guma' Hustisia's mold remediation, air conditioning system, and temporary and permanent alternate site projects. The Guma' Hustisia has been closed to the public since March 16, 2018, when the air conditioning system broke down, causing temperatures to rise and adding moisture to the air which contributed to the mold growth.

On August 1, 2018, a request for qualifications was advertised for a mechanical engineering consulting services. With the mechanical engineer, the Judiciary will be able to move forward with the procurement process to evaluate and fix the Guma' Hustisia's air-conditioning system and mold problems. All qualified vendors and contractors in the region are encouraged to submit proposals. A committee of evaluators from the Judiciary, the Department of Finance, and Department of Public Works will make the selection of awardees for the various projects.

Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro said, "I am thankful for the understanding and support of Governor Torres and members of the House and Senate for securing and appropriating these funds. The Judiciary is grateful for the public's patience as we continue to pursue efficiency in delivering judicial services."

The Judiciary continues to provide judicial services at alternate sites. The Judiciary opened the Guma' Hustisia's front exterior windows for Accounting Service Unit/Cashier, Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, and Law Revision Commission. Though the Guma' Hustisia remains closed to the public, the Judiciary is making every effort to continue court services in an efficient, professional, and courteous manner.

The Judiciary recognizes the continuing partnership with host agencies that assist with carrying out the delivery of services: the United States District Court for the NMI, Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Department of Public Safety, and Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office.



(Guma' Hustisia's Walk-up Service Windows 1, 2, and 3 are open from Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The public is not allowed to enter the Guma' Hustisia until the mold remediation project is completed.)