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Lieutenant Governor

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The Honorable Ralph Anthony Deleon Guerrero Torres

Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Biography

The Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres is the 9th Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, serving alongside Lieutenant Governor Arnold I. Palacios, and the youngest Governor in the United States of America at 41 years old.

Prior to this new term in office, Governor Torres served alongside Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, as Lieutenant Governor under Governor Eloy S. Inos, as President of the 18th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Senate, and as the Chairman of the Committee on Health and Welfare in the 17th Northern Marianas Commonwealth House of Representatives.

Born on August 6, 1979, Governor Torres was raised on the island of Saipan until his family moved to Boise, Idaho where he attended high school. He attended Boise State University and earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science.

Following the unfortunate passing of Governor Inos in late 2015, Governor Torres ascended to the governorship of the CNMI on December 29, 2015.

As Governor, he leads the CNMI's Council of Economic Advisers, which brings together public and private sector leaders to discuss critical economic development policies. Through this role, he has actively advocated for economic and labor legislation for the CNMI in Washington, DC with Members of Congress and the White House. He was instrumental in the passage of the Northern Mariana Islands US Workforce Act of 2018, which provided for effective wage protection for US workers, an acknowledgement of CNMI long-term guest workers, stronger development of local US workforce capacity, and allows for a substantial labor pool for the CNMI's ongoing economic development.

He is married to Diann Mendiola Tudela and has six children: Ralph Anthony, Vaniqa Marie, Deon Titus, Tristan Dane, Divannie, and Ryan Jayz.