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**CHRISTMAS IN THE MARIANAS ON DEC. 17**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – The Marianas Visitors Authority and the Marianas Walking Association invite the community and visitors to share holiday cheer in celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas in the Marianas this Saturday (Dec. 17).

This year's holiday celebration will feature a health walk along Saipan Beach Pathway, a parade of floats in downtown Garapan, and an evening of caroling and pageantry at the American Memorial Park amphitheater.

“Christmas in the Marianas was started 10 years ago to give visitors an opportunity to share in the holiday celebration with our community,” said MVA Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas. “More than ever, this year's event will be an opportunity to celebrate the season and lift each others spirits, without spending an extra dime. We encourage everyone to mark their calendars for this Saturday.”

The celebration will kick off with the Christmas in the Marianas Health Walk at 5 p.m. from American Memorial Park. Free t-shirts will be given to the first 50 participants. The short course will turn around at Triple J Motors in Chalan Laulau and the long course will turnaround

at the MVA office in Oleai.

Following the walk, the parade of floats will assemble at the Garapan Fishing Base at 5 p.m. The parade begins after 5:30 p.m. at the Carolinian Affairs Office and proceed through downtown Garapan along Beach Rd. to the American Memorial Park. Beach Rd. will be closed along the parade route until approximately 7:30 p.m.

“We’d like to extend our sincerest thanks to the Department of Public Safety, the Public School System, and other agencies and organizations whose help and participation has made it possible for our community and visitors to enjoy Christmas in the Marianas this year,” said MVA Managing Director Perry Tenorio.

The Attire/Caroling Competition will be held at the park after the parade until 9 p.m.

Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are a chain of idyllic islands in the West Pacific, offering a friendly, fun and exciting vacation in paradise. They are an excellent destination for families, adventure and sports-minded travelers, as well as business people looking for a tropical haven. Adventurous travelers from Asia, Australia, Europe and elsewhere looking for new travel discoveries will find them in the Mariana Islands, just three hours travel from most cities in Japan, and four from Asia and Australia. The Northern Marianas are served from Tokyo, Nagoya, and Osaka in Japan by Delta and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana Airlines provides direct flights from Seoul and Busan. Fly Guam/Fly Marianas provides direct flights from Hong Kong and Nagoya, Japan. For more information visit [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).

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