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**COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
 COMMEMORATED ON POSTAGE STAMP**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Oct. 8, 1993) -- The U.S. Postal Service will issue a 29-cent postage stamp honoring the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands on November 4, 1993 in Saipan, the largest island and the seat of government of the Northern Mariana archipelago.

The Commonwealth is a group of 16 islands in the western Pacific Ocean named after Mariana, a 17th Century Queen of Spain. They began being administered by the United States after W.W.II as part of the U.N. Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands. In 1978, following a referendum, the archipelago became a self-governing commonwealth in union with the United States. Residents have U.S. citizenship but do not have representation in the U.S. Congress and cannot vote in U.S. presidential elections. Mail to and from the Mariana Islands is sent at domestic postage rates.

The first day of issue ceremony will be held at the Convention Center, Capitol Hill, in Saipan at 10 a.m. The postal officials dedicating the

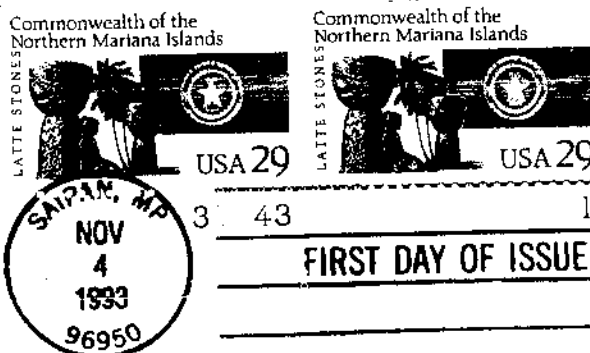
stamp are Leo B. Tudela, Southeastern Area Manager of Customer Services and Edward L. Broglio, District Manager of Customer Services, Honolulu. Tudela is a native of Saipan and Broglio is directly responsible for the Mariana Commonwealth.

November 4, 1993 is Citizenship Day, a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands national holiday.

**TECHNICAL DETAILS**

Issue:	COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
Format:	Pane of 20
Denomination:	29 cents
Issue Date & City:	November 4, 1993 Saipan, Mariana Islands (MP)
Designer:	Herb Kane
Designer City & State:	Captain Cook, Hawaii
Previous Designs:	Micronesia & Marshall Islands (1990), Hawaii Statehood (1984)
Typographer:	John Boyd, Anagraphics, New York, NY
Engraver:	Dlexander (lettering)
Art Director:	Jack Williams, Stamp Design, USPS
Project Manager:	Joe Brockert, Stamp Design, USPS
Printing Process:	Offset/intaglio
Printer:	Bureau of Engraving & Printing
Colors:	Offset: Yellow, magenta, cyan, black & PMS 285 (blue) Intaglio: black
Size:	Standard Horizontal Commemorative .84 x 1.41 inches/21.3 x 35.8 mm (image area) 5.94 x 7.80 inches/150.6 x 198.0 mm (full pane)
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