

1965 MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 3-1965

INTRODUCED BY HON. JUAN CH. REYES, SAIPAN

A resolution requesting the Administering Authority to reconsider the petition for the reintegration of the Mariana Islands

WHEREAS, the people of the Mariana Islands are still desirous of being reintegrated, restored and reinstated to their former status as one people, as expressed in the petition supported by the people of the Saipan District and Rota District, through a plebiscite held in 1961; and

WHEREAS, the sincere desire of the people of the Marianas archipelago is not meant to reflect racial discrimination towards the people of the other islands of the Pacific Trust Territory; and

WHEREAS, the culture of the Marianas people is grounded upon a common level of language, custom, tradition, and religion which have deeply imbedded in them since the earliest of times; and

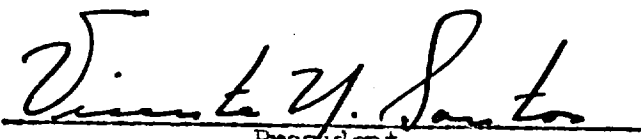
WHEREAS, the people of the Territory of Guam are likewise desirous of being reunited with the people of the Marianas as evidenced by a number of resolutions in this regard by their Legislature; and

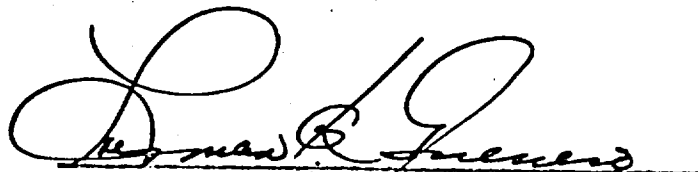
WHEREAS, that we are cognizant before the people of the world, that the great world organization, the United Nations, on many occasions has demonstrated its deep respect for people on the basis of their desires and objectives, and it is also one of its fundamental principles to be always prepared to support and to defend the rights of people, hence, our fundamental rights are basically founded upon these objectives; and

WHEREAS, the history of the people of the Marianas reflects that they were at one time under one government, the capital city of which was at Agaña, Guam, and that all records and documents pertaining thereto are still kept in the Government of the Territory of Guam;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mariana Islands District Legislature that this petition be forwarded once more to the Administering Authority for its immediate attention on the basis of the United Nations objectives, as expressed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and other pronouncements for its reconsideration of the pleas of the inhabitants of the Mariana Islands District who have long suffered the torments of international disturbances which today are amply reflected in the backwardness of the people and in the retarded growth of the elements of life of the people in the other islands within the Mariana group, due to a grave mistake, not of their own making, and also for the reconsideration to revive the objectives of Resolution No. 7, of the Twelfth Saipan Legislature, on the basis of the thesis herein contained.

PASSED BY THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE AUGUST 5, 1963.


President


Secretary