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1963 MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2-1963

INTRODUCED BY HON. JUAN SN. PANGELINAN, SAIPAN

A resolution requesting the Administering Authority to conduct a plebiscite regarding the political future of the Mariana Islands District and designate October 24, 1963 for the purpose

WHEREAS, prior to the Spanish-American War, the indigenous inhabitants of the Mariana Islands were politically unified, geographically close, observing the same religion, speaking a common language, and possessing the same social customs; and

WHEREAS, the separation of the Mariana Islands from Guam, by the Treaty of Paris, has resulted in over half a century of anxiety and uncertainty regarding the fate of the people living there and whose history since that separation has been a tragic one of shifting allegiance from one flag to another until their liberation from the Japanese during World War II; and

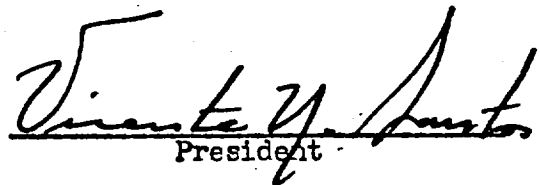
WHEREAS, Article 76 of the United Nations Charter agreed to by all member nations, including the United States of America, stipulated that one of the basic objectives of the Trusteeship system is to promote the political advancement of the inhabitants of the Trust Territory; and

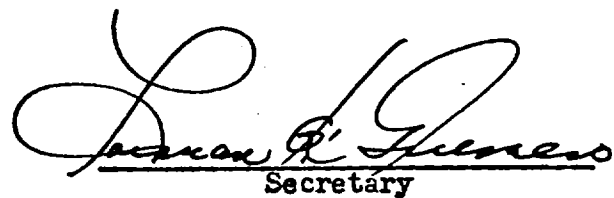
WHEREAS, Article 6 of the Trusteeship Agreement between the United Nations and the United States provides that the Administering Authority shall promote development toward self-government or independence in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of the people of the Mariana Islands District desire no other course than the unification of the Mariana Islands,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mariana Islands District Legislature that the Administering Authority be requested to conduct a plebiscite posing the question of terminating the Trusteeship Agreement and unification of the Mariana Islands to the electors of the Mariana Islands District and to designate and declare October 24, 1963, as the date this vote is to be held.

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


President


Secretary