

THIRD REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 22-1964

Introduced by Hon. Vicente N. Santos, Saipan
Hon. Santiago B. Magofna, Saipan

A resolution relative to respectfully requesting and memorializing the United Nations Trusteeship Council to reconsider the petition under Resolution No. 7, of the Saipan Legislature, relative to the reintegration of the Mariana Islands, directly under the Doctrine of Human Rights, and in consonant with the objective of the United Nations policy in the International Declaration of Human Rights

WHEREAS, pursuant to the petition by the people of the Mariana Islands, as demonstrated in an island-wide plebiscite held during the years 1961 and again in 1963, and a plebiscite held in the other islands in the Mariana group, were and are still desirous to be reintegrated, restored and reinstated back to their former status as one people who are the actual inhabitants of the Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, with no intontion directly or indirectly or under any other circumstances should be regarded as to imply racial discrimination towards the people of the other islands of the Pacific Trust Territory; and

WHEREAS, in the course of human event and the inevitability of social, political and economic affinity, and by virtue of the natural pursuit of life and happiness, the inhabitants of the Mariana group who are called CHAMORROS, were of Guamanian descendants who are entirely similar in culture, in language, and in customs, and thereby could prosper by such union thereto; and

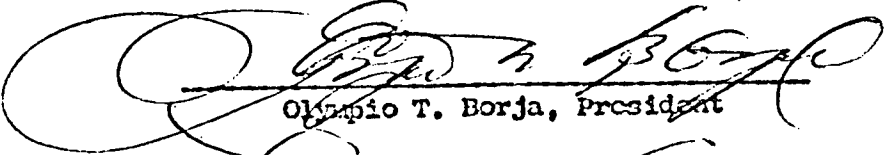
WHEREAS, to become one people and one country among such mixed races who are entirely dis-similar, the Chamorro race by reason of minority will undoubtedly cause to suffer the inconveniences attendant in the conglomeration of races with marked differences culturally, politically, and socially; and

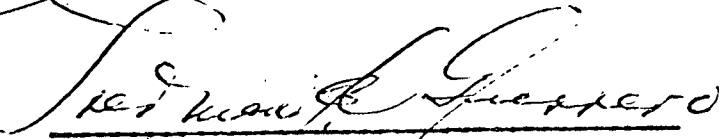
WHEREAS, that it is cognizant before the people of the world, how this great world organization, the United Nations, on many occasion have demonstrated the deepest respects for other people on the basis of their objectives, and it is also one of their fundamental principles, to be always prepared to support and to defend the rights of other people, hence, our fundamental rights are basically implied upon these objectives; and

WHEREAS, that this general thesis can be extended exclusively to the effect of this resolution and not to be construed under any such determination to reflect the cause towards the direct course of American citizenship only;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mariana Islands District Legislature that this petition be once more forwarded to the United Nations Trusteeship Council for their immediate attention on the basis of the United Nations objective on International Declaration of Human Rights, and self-determination for their utmost consideration of the pleas by the Chamorros who have long suffered the torments of international discrepancies which today amply reflect 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, a grave mistake not of their own making, and also for the reconsideration to revive the objectives of Resolution No. 7, on the basis of the thesis herein contained.

PASSED BY THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE FEBRUARY 10th. 1964.


Olympio T. Borja, President


Herman Q. Guerrero, Secretary