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7.6THIRD CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA  
THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 1970

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 99

## A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Declaring that the United States and the United Nations should take no action on any matters relating to the future political status of Micronesia without first obtaining the consent and approval of the Congress of Micronesia.

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Trusteeship Agreement between the United States and the Security Council of the United Nations, the United States, as Administering Authority, is obligated to "promote the development of the inhabitants of the trust territory toward self-government or independence as may be appropriate to the particular circumstances of the trust territory and its peoples and the freely expressed wishes of the people concerned"; and

WHEREAS, it is generally recognized by both the United States and the United Nations that an act of self-determination, in the form of a plebiscite, must be exercised by the people of Micronesia before the Trusteeship Agreement can be terminated; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia, as the elected legislative body of the people of Micronesia has recognized its obligation to safeguard the right of self-determination of the people of Micronesia, and has therefore conducted a study of the status issue for the past three years; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the congressional work on the status issue is to ensure that the people of Micronesia, when they finally exercise their right of self-determination, have the best possible alternative statuses from which to choose, and that they fully understand the implications of each form of status when they make their choice; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia, in discussing the question of future political status, has followed recognized channels when dealing with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia maintains that if the right of self-determination of the people of Micronesia is to continue to be respected and safeguarded, no action should be taken by either the United States

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or the United Nations on matters relating to the status issue, unless the consent and approval of the Congress of Micronesia is first obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia further maintains that any action by the United States or the United Nations on the matters relating to the future political status of Micronesia without the prior consent and approval of the Congress of Micronesia, would seriously undermine the efforts of the Congress of Micronesia to safeguard the rights of the people of Micronesia, and would be both unjust and immoral; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Third Congress of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 1970, the House of Representatives concurring, that this Congress hereby declares that the United States and the United Nations should take no action on any matters relating to the future political status of Micronesia without first obtaining the consent and approval of the Congress of Micronesia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this joint resolution be transmitted to the Secretary General, Security Council and the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations; the President of the United States, the Secretary of the State, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Interior of the United States; the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States Congress; and the High Commissioner.

Adopted 24 August 1970