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RESOLUTION NO. 23-71

Introduced by: The Council of the Whole

A RESOLUTION

Respectfully requesting the Secretary of the Interior to amend Secretarial Order No. 2918, as amended, to permit the creation of a separate Rota District of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, for many years, Rota Island, Mariana Islands District, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, was administered as a separate District within the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, the people of Rota have become increasingly dissatisfied with the domination of their desires by some local leaders on Saipan, with whose desires and aspirations the people of Rota frequently are in serious disagreement, particularly in the areas of future political status, attitude toward the Trust Territory Government, and goals of economic development; and

WHEREAS, there is insufficient opportunity for the local autonomy of Rota as long as it remains a part of the Mariana Islands District, even as a sub-district center; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Rota Municipal Council that adequate attention to the needs and desires of the people of Rota can only be served by the establishment of Rota as a separate District within the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, the creation of Rota as a separate District would create more employment opportunities for professional persons, and in so doing would provide with the services which are presently needed, but lacking, such as a Police Department, and Public Defender; would enable the people of Rota to make their own policies, subject only to the approval of the Trust Territory Government; and in so doing avoid the domination of Rota by some local leaders on Saipan in the Mariana Islands District Legislature; would increase the voting and law-making power of Rota in the Congress of Micronesia and at the territorial level in general; would facilitate the education of the people of Rota, in accordance with the provisions of the Trusteeship Agreement; would enable the people of Rota to place more emphasis on the economic development of Rota than is provided by the present system of government; would avoid the discrimination in appropriations presently and recently practiced by the Mariana Islands District Legislature in favor of the people of Saipan and against the people of Rota, an example of which was the recent appropriation of \$15,000 for a scholarship for Saipanese students and a denial of appropriation for Rota students; and in general would permit the people of Rota to control their own local affairs; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the people of Rota have signed a Petition urging the establishment of Rota as a separate District of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and, therefore,

IT IS RESOLVED by the Rota Municipal Council, Fourth Regular Session, 1971, that the Secretary of the Interior be and he hereby is respectfully urged and requested to amend Secretarial Order No. 2918, as amended, to allow the creation of Rota as a separate District of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Congress of Micronesia be and it hereby is respectfully urged and requested to adopt legislation urging such change in the Secretarial Order No. 2918; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the High Commissioner be and he hereby is respectfully urged and requested to transmit his favorable recommendation on this matter to the Secretary of the Interior; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior, to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of

the Interior for Territorial Affairs, to the High Commissioner, to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of Micronesia, to the District Administrator of the Mariana Islands District, to the President of the Mariana Islands District Legislature, and to each member of the Marianas Delegation to the Congress of Micronesia.

PASSED BY THE ROJA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, THIS 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1971.

Antonio Ca. Atalig
Chairman

Attested by: Alfred M. Apatang
Council Secretary

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We the undersigned students at the Rota Junior-Senior High School do hereby respectfully request the honorable Francisco C. Ada, Marianas District Administrator to include the implementation of a complete high school program on this island in his 1973-1974 fiscal year budget. The reasons for our keen desire in the implementation of such a program are as follows:

- 1). At the present time our island is an agricultural community, which needs a high school that would help meet the needs of an agricultural community, and;
- 2). At the present time the Marianas District does not have any high school that is programmed toward meeting the needs of an agricultural community, and;
- 3). Rota is an island where the customs are still intact and are practiced more extensively than on any other islands in the Marianas, and;
- 4). If we have our own high school we will be made aware of our culture and appreciate them, and;
- 5). It would be an economic hardship, for our parents to send their children on another island.

It is for these above reasons that we duly sign our names below:

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| 2. Josefa Ayupu | 27. Heronias Atalig |
| 3. Rosa M. Atalig | 28. Juan M. Ayupu |
| 4. Rosa T. Atalig | 29. Juana Basamas |
| 5. Lucy Manglona | 30. Juan Cabrera |
| 6. Mercedes Atalig | 31. George Hoco |
| 7. Loree Manglona | 32. Wainday Hocky |
| 8. Alvin A. Cruz | 33. Balbina Dela Cruz |
| 9. Jose m Rosario | 34. Susana Castro |
| 10. FREDERICK O. HOCO | (35) Ramon Cabrera |
| 11. Rosita M. Sablan | (36) Rufin Amos |
| 12. Geddy M. Manglona | (37) Francisco Jimenez |
| 13. Teresita Manglona | (38) Florencia Manglona |
| 14. BALDO BIRIO A. MANGLONA | (39) Julian Manglona |
| 15. Lucia Masagon | (40) Virginia Masagon |
| 16. Lydia H. Manglona | (41) Agustin Manalita |
| 17. Salvador Cruz | (42) Rosalita Manalita |
| 18. Mercy Dalmas | (43) Raimundo L. Manglona |
| 19. Orlyen Ayupu | (44) Maria Manglona |
| 20. Dino m Rosario | (45) Rita Masagon |
| 21. Mercedes M. Cruz | (46) Matilde Mendiola |
| 22. Brian Mendiola | (47) Egerio Mendiola |
| 23. Tommy M. Cruz | |
| 24. Teresita m San Nicolas | |
| 25. Jose Cruz | |

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| 83 | Connie Sandicolas | 117 | Paz Manglona |
| 84 | Patsy Manglona | 118 | Antonio M. Atalig |
| 85 | T. Maricdon Ogo | 119 | Ricardo Maratita |
| 86 | Clara Maratita | 120 | Jubita Atalig |
| 87 | Rosemarie Mendiola | 121 | Rita Manglona |
| 88 | Danny Calvo | 122 | Antonia Atalig |
| 89 | Joaquina Hocog | 123 | Balena Atalig |
| 90 | Candida Manglona | 124 | Jida Hocog |
| 91 | Francisco Mendiola | 125 | Maria Jasen |
| 92 | Carmelita Atalig | 126 | Gloria Saitano |
| | Eleanor Nono | 127 | Herme Maratita |
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| | Margarita Santos | | |
| | Virginia Lamenas | | |
| | Lina Castro | | |
| | DANIEL BARCINAS | | |