

MARIANAS DISTRICT AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. SECTION 1 OF THE DISTRICT LAW STATES THE INTENTION OF THE ACT BY PROVIDING THAT "THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE WISHES THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS ISLANDS DISTRICT DESIRE A POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, A FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS DIFFERENT FROM THAT WHICH HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY CHOSEN BY THE PEOPLE OF THE REMAINDER OF THE DISTRICT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, AS EXPRESSED BY THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE

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CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE FURTHER NOTES THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT, CALL FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR ALL PEOPLE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY. SINCE THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAS REACHED A TENTATIVE SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION OF POLITICAL STATUS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF A MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS, THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE WISHES IT AS IMPERATIVE THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS TAKE APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY STEPS TOWARD THEIR OWN RESOLUTION OF THIS IMPORTANT QUESTION. TO THIS EXTENT, THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE HEREBY CREATES THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, AND SETS FORTH ITS POWERS AND DUTIES." THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ARE: VICENTE M. SANTOS AND FELIPE A. SALAS (MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE); EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN AND HERMAN G. GUERRERO (CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA); BENJAMIN T. MANGLONA AND JOANNES R. TAIMANAC (PETA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL); HERMAN M. MANGLONA AND FRANCISCO A. HOCOS (TIMIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL); VICENTE T. CAMACHO AND DANIEL T. MUNA (SAIPAN LEGISLATURE); OLYMPIO T. BORJA (NORTHERN MARIANAS); JOAQUIN I. PANGELINAN (POPULAR PARTY); FRANCISCO T. PALACIOS (TERRITORIAL PARTY); FELIX RABANILMAN (UNITED CAROLINIANS ASSOCIATION); AND JOSE C. TENORIO (BUSINESS ASSOCIATION)

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THE STATUS COMMISSION HAD HELD AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR. DURING THAT MEETING SENATOR EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND PRESIDENT VICENTE M. SANTOS OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE WERE SELECTED CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN RESPECTIVELY. THE

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