

WHEREAS, presently, there is authorized \$30 million for both war claims and so called post-secure claims, claims arising between the day on which the particular island was secured and 1 July 1951, which is believed to be wholly inadequate; and

WHEREAS, there are some indications that the Micronesian War Claims Commission is attempting to cut down claims to ensure that their total value does not exceed the \$30 million available, because they refuse to state the amount that will be paid for deaths, pigs, chickens, cows, coconut trees, houses and other property losses; and

WHEREAS, it is said that the Micronesian War Claims Commission will state the values of the various categories of property losses only after all claims are filed, but we failed to understand what relationship the number of items lost have to do with their value; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the obligations entrusted, the United Nations should intercede to ensure that the people are treated fairly and equitably in the settlement of the Micronesian war claims;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Mariana Islands District Legislature that the United Nations be and hereby is respectfully memorialized and requested to ensure that the people of the Trust Territory are fully compensated for their war claims losses that occurred during the hostilities of the Second World War; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof and thereafter transmit copies of the same to the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, the 1973 United Nations Visiting Mission team, the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, the Subcommittee on International Organizations and Movements of the House Foreign Affairs Committee of the United States Congress, the Senate Subcommittee on Territories of the United States Congress, the Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, the district legislatures in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and to the Micronesian Claims Commission, Saipan, Mariana Islands.

PASSED BY THE FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE FEBRUARY 28, 1973.

(Signed) Vincente N. SANTOS  
President

(Signed) Santiago B. MAGOFNA  
Legislative Secretary

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