



TERRITORY OF GUAM  
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CARLOS G. CAMACHO  
GOVERNOR

MAY 4 1973

Congressman Edward Pangelinan  
Chairman  
Marianas District Political Status  
Commission  
Congress of Micronesia  
Saipan, M. I. 96950

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed herewith for your information and consideration are copies of Executive Order No. 73-16 and Public Law No. 12-17 which I have signed into law at Agaña, Guam this 19th day of April, 1973, setting forth the approach this government is taking in the assessment and evaluation of the political status of Guam.

The people of the island of Guam, currently organized in an unincorporated possession of the United States of America, intend to define the political status of Guam through exercise of their right to self-determination. With my issuance and promulgation of Executive Order No. 73-16 and signature of Public Law No. 12-17 the first steps toward this end have been taken. In this regard I invite your comment.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures

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GOVERNMENT OF GUAM  
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 73-16

WHEREAS, the Administration has positive interest in the full review and thorough consideration of public policy proposals, which review and analysis shall serve as a basis for Executive decision-making and the design of the public policy of the Administration; and,

WHEREAS, the general policy of this Administration shall be drafted in behalf of and represent the fundamental interests of the resident inhabitants of this community whose interests and welfare shall be promoted to the utmost and considered paramount; and,

WHEREAS, the people of Guam have a fundamental interest in the establishment of a comprehensive, efficient system for governmental program and fiscal management which furthers the civil government's capacity to plan, finance, and offer the public services and public investments desired by the citizenry and required to advance and protect the well-being of all residents; and,

WHEREAS, the people of Guam have a fundamental interest in the orderly development of the community and thereby have a positive interest in the advancement of their social and economic condition and in the improvement and protection of their environment; and,

WHEREAS, the orderly development of Guam and advancement of resident welfare is dependent upon and linked directly to the capacity and authority of the Government of Guam to plan and carry out plans for community development; and,

WHEREAS, the authority and capacity of the Government of Guam is limited by the current political status of Guam as an organized but unincorporated possession of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Administration is committed to a thorough assessment and evaluation of Guam's current political status, and a full examination of all options and alternative forms of political status, and the ultimate exercise of the right of self-determination by the people of Guam to define the political status for Guam, and has noted the Twelfth Guam Legislature's commitment to same by virtue of passage of AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO REVIEW

THE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM; and,

WHEREAS, to insure full review of all proposals for public policy including but not necessarily limited to the annual capital and operating expenditures budget of the Administration, the Development Plan for Guam, and the review of Guam's political status, and to insure full review of all official statements of public policy of the Administration including but not necessarily limited to the State of the Territory Message, the State of the Economy Message and the Governor's Budget Message, and in the interest of developing consistent Administration Policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, it is hereby ordered:

(1) The Governor's Advisory Council, Creation:

That there is created within the Executive Office of the Governor of Guam an executive policy council which shall be identified as The Governor's Advisory Council.

(2) Purpose and Function:

It shall be the purpose and function of The Governor's Advisory Council

- a) To coordinate policy analysis and review within the executive branch thereby assisting the Governor in the design of general governmental policy which, upon endorsement by the Governor, shall serve as the policy framework within which shall occur the direction of the various departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions and activities of the executive branch and instrumentalities, including public corporations, of the Government of Guam.
- b) To advise and assist in the review and formulation of the position of the Administration on the political status of Guam.
- c) To advise on and assist in the review and formulation of the Development Plan for Guam and the Public Investment plan of the Government of Guam.
- d) To advise on and assist in the review and formulation of the Annual Capital and Operating Expenditures Budget of the Government of Guam.


- e) To advise on and assist in the review and formulation of policy statements of the Administration to include but not necessarily limited to the State of the Territory Message, the State of the Economy Message and the Position of the Administration on the Political Status of Guam.
- f) To undertake other such assignments as may from time to time be directed by the Governor.

(3) Organization:

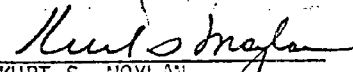
The Governor's Advisory Council shall be convened, as required, by the Governor who shall serve as Chairman. The Governor's Advisory Council shall otherwise consist of nine (9) members who shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at his pleasure. The Director of Budget and Management and the Director of Planning shall serve as Executive Secretaries to the Council.

Issued and promulgated at Agana, Guam, this 19th day of April,

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CARLOS G. CAMACHO  
Governor of Guam

Countersigned:

  
KURT S. MOYLAN  
Lt. Governor of Guam

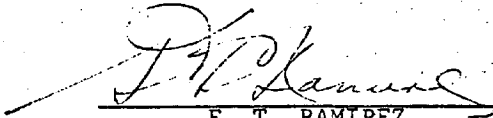
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*Done April 21, 1973*

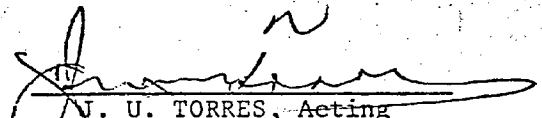
TWELFTH GUAM LEGISLATURE  
1973 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

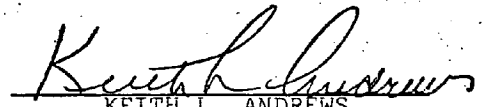
This is to certify that Bill No. 183, "An Act establishing a special commission to review the political status of the territory of Guam", was on the 30th day of March, 1973, duly and regularly passed.

  
F. T. RAMIREZ  
Speaker

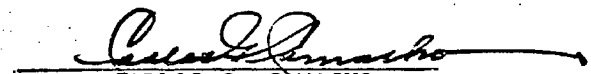
ATTESTED:

  
N. U. TORRES, Acting  
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of April, 1973 at 10:30 o'clock a. M.

  
KEITH L. ANDREWS  
Attorney General of Guam

APPROVED:

  
CARLOS G. CAMACHO  
Governor of Guam

DATED: 4-19-73  
1:45 p.m.

*Public Law*  
*12-17*

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Bill No. 183

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMISSION  
TO REVIEW THE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE  
TERRITORY OF GUAM.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative findings. The Legislature finds:

3 1. That the future political status of the United  
4 States unincorporated territory of Guam requires a  
5 substantial review in order to determine the appro-  
6 priate political status for the people of Guam;

7 2. That Guam's status as an unincorporated territory  
8 of the United States may or may not be in accordance  
9 with the desires of the people of Guam;

10 3. That a substantial number of political freedoms  
11 have been recently granted to Guam including the right  
12 to elect a non-voting delegate to the United States House  
13 of Representatives; but that other political rights of  
14 United States citizens such as the right to elect the  
15 President of the United States have been denied to the  
16 people of Guam;

17 4. That there are various alternatives open to the  
18 people of Guam with respect to their future political

1 status including incorporated territory, statehood, in-  
2 dependence, affiliation with another nation, common-  
3 wealth, and disassociated free state, all of which  
4 this Legislature is of the consensus should be reviewed  
5 by a special commission.

6 Section 2. Members of Commission: Qualifications and  
7 numbers thereof. The Political Status Commission shall be  
8 composed of nine (9) commissioners. Each commissioner shall be  
9 a member of the Legislature, six (6) of whom shall be  
10 members of the majority party within the Legislature, and  
11 three (3) of whom shall be members of the minority party.  
12 The Speaker of the Legislature shall appoint the majority  
13 members and the Minority Leader the minority members.

14 Section 3. Purposes of Commission. The Commission shall  
15 be established for the following purposes:

16 1. To study and review the present political  
17 status of the territory of Guam;

18 2. To determine by public hearings and review  
19 the future political status desired by the people of  
20 the territory and to make the necessary recommendations  
21 to make such a desire possible;

22 3. To specifically study the following alterna-  
23 tives for the future political status of Guam:

24 (a) Incorporated territory

25 (b) Statehood

26 (c) Independence

27 (d) Affiliation with another nation

28 (e) Commonwealth or associated free state

29 (f) Unincorporated territory

30 4. To present this Legislature with a plan and  
31 proposal for the implementation of the political status  
32 desired by the people of this territory.

1           5. To review and determine the political economic  
2           and social benefits and detriments in implementing  
3           the results of the report of the commission.

4           Section 4. Organizational meeting. The Speaker shall call  
5           the first meeting of the Political Status Commission, which  
6           meeting shall be held June 1, 1973, and shall devote itself to  
7           organizing the Commission, the commissioners to adopt rules  
8           of order governing their procedure and to elect a chairman  
9           from within their number, the Speaker initially to preside at  
10          such organizational meeting until the commissioners have  
11          elected their chairman.

12          Section 5. Report to the Legislature. The Political Status  
13          Commission shall within one (1) year from June 1, 1973 report  
14          to the Legislature with the results of its study.

15          Section 6. Authorization for appropriation. There is  
16          hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of One Hundred  
17          Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the operation of the  
18          Political Status Commission.