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4TH. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 1-1974

INTRODUCED BY: HON. VICENTE N. SANTOS, SAIPAN

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1. A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO REQUESTING THAT THE
2. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT BE ADMINISTERED
3. SEPARATELY FROM THE OTHER DISTRICTS OF THE
4. TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

5. WHEREAS, the Charter of the United Nations and the Trusteeship
6. Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America
7. require that the inhabitants of the Trust Territory be promoted toward
8. self-government or independence as may be appropriate to the particular
9. circumstances; and

10. WHEREAS, the people of the Mariana Islands District have for many
11. years expressed their desire for a close and permanent political
12. relationship with the United States; and

13. WHEREAS, the Reports received by the Mariana Islands District
14. Legislature from the Marianas Political Status Commission show that
15. the Commission and the United States Delegation are close to completing
16. their work on an Agreement which would establish, upon termination of
17. the Trusteeship, a self-governing Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
18. Islands in political union with the United States of America; and

19. WHEREAS, the Mariana Islands District Legislature believes that
20. if the issues before the Marianas Political Status Commission and
21. the United States Delegation are satisfactorily resolved, the Agreement
22. will be approved; and

1. WHEREAS, approval of the Agreement will be an exercise of the
2. inalienable and sovereign right of self-determination by the people
3. of the Mariana Islands District conclusively demonstrating their desire
4. for a close and permanent political relationship with the United
5. States; and

6. WHEREAS, the future political status desired by the people of the
7. Mariana Islands District is far different from that which has been
8. chosen by the people of the other districts of the Trust Territory as
9. expressed by their representatives in the Congress of Micronesia; and

10. WHEREAS, it has been repeatedly recognized within the Mariana
11. Islands District, in the other districts of the Trust Territory, and
12. within the United Nations that the people of the Mariana Islands
13. District desire a political status which is far different from that
14. desired by the people of the other districts of the Trust Territory;
15. and

16. WHEREAS, in order to make the transition to their respective new
17. political relationships and responsibilities as successful as possible
18. for both the Mariana Islands District and the other districts of the
19. Trust Territory it is necessary to prepare for the new political
20. relationships and responsibilities before they come into effect; and

21. WHEREAS, the administration of the Mariana Islands District
22. separately from the other districts of the Trust Territory, after
23. approval of the Agreement, is a necessary and appropriate step by
24. which the Mariana Islands District can prepare for and move toward
25. its future political status; and

1. WHEREAS, the Mariana Islands District has been previously
2. administered separately from the other districts of the Trust Territory
3. by the United States;
4. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the 4th. Mariana Islands District
5. Legislature, Fourth Regular Session, that the Mariana Islands District
6. Legislature requests, on behalf of the people of the Mariana Islands
7. District, that the United States, as the Administratering Authority of
8. the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, take all steps which are
9. necessary and appropriate for the administration of the Mariana Islands
10. District separate and apart from the administration of the other districts
11. of the Trust Territory including; establishing a separate executive
12. authority for the Mariana Islands District; terminating all of the
13. responsibility and authority of the Congress of Micronesia respecting
14. the affairs of the Mariana Islands District, and granting such
15. responsibility and authority to the Mariana Islands District Legislature;
16. terminating the participation of representatives of the Mariana Islands
17. District in the Congress of Micronesia; providing for the retention of
18. locally raised revenues by the Mariana Islands District and for their
19. appropriation by the Mariana Islands District Legislature; assuring,
20. in order to prepare for the full measure of local self-government which
21. will exist under the future political status, maximum participation by
22. the people of the Mariana Islands District in all aspects of local
23. government; and taking all such other steps as may be proper to
24. administer the Mariana Islands District separate from the other districts
25. of the Trust Territory in accordance with the wishes of the people of
26. this district; and

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1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the separate administration for the
2. Mariana Islands District should occur as soon as may be possible after
3. the approval of the Agreement concerning the future political status
4. of the district by the people thereof; and

5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the precise date on which separate
6. administration will take effect and the terms of the separate
7. administration for the Mariana Islands District should be determined
8. in full consultation and cooperation with the Hold-Over Committee of
9. the Mariana Islands District Legislature, representatives of the
10. District Administration, the Mayors of the Municipalities of Saipan,
11. Tinian and Rota and the Speakers of the Municipal Councils of Saipan,
12. Tinian and Rota; and

13. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President should certify to, and
14. the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof and thereafter
15. transmit copies of the same to the General Assembly of the United
16. Nations, the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, the Security
17. Council of the United Nations, the President of the United States, the
18. Secretary of the Department of State, the Secretary of the Department
19. of Interior, Members of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular
20. Affairs and Members of the House Committee on Interior and Insular
21. Affairs, the High Commissioner, the President of the Senate of the
22. Congress of Micronesia, the Speaker of the House of the Congress of
23. Micronesia, the Marianas Delegation to the Congress of Micronesia, and
24. the District Administrator for the Mariana Islands District.

PASSED BY THE 4TH. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE SEPTEMBER 7 1974.