

A RESOLUTION

Respectfully requesting the Congress of Micronesia to appropriate the sum of \$250,000.00 to carry out the purposes of the homestead program in the Mariana Islands District.

1. WHEREAS, land is among the most important of the natural resources of
2. the people of Micronesia; and

3. WHEREAS, given the growing population of Micronesia, and the small land
4. area, as well as the importance of land for growing food, the importance of
5. ownership of land becomes even greater; and

6. WHEREAS, the Legislature, on behalf of the people of the Municipality
7. of Saipan, expresses its gratitude to the Congress of Micronesia for the
8. homestead program and for the designation of a considerable amount of land
9. within the Municipality as homestead land; and

10. WHEREAS, despite the actions of the Congress of Micronesia, there are
11. presently 1,370 applicants for homestead land; and

12. WHEREAS, the great backlog in processing applications for homesteads has
13. arisen because of the lack of money to survey homestead sites and otherwise
14. expedite the program; and

15. WHEREAS, the Saipan Legislature is without sufficient funds to provide
16. for these purposes; now, therefore,

17. BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Fourth Saipan Legislature, Third Regular
18. Session, 1973, that the Congress of Micronesia is hereby respectfully urged
19. and requested to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars
20. (\$250,000.00) for the purpose of carrying out and expediting the homestead
21. program in the Mariana Islands District; and

22. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be
23. transmitted to the President of the Senate; to the Speaker of the House of
24. Representatives; to the Chairman of the Senate Committees on Resources and
25. Development and Ways and Means; to the Chairman of the House of Representativ