

4TH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

FIFTH REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 53 1975

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A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO ADVISING THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION THAT IN THE EVENT THAT IT IS UNABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS, THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE WILL TAKE OVER THE NEGOTIATIONS TO FINALIZE THE POLITICAL STATUS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS

WHEREAS, under Chapter 3.16 of the Mariana Islands District Code, the Marianas Political Status Commission was established and charged with the responsibility of negotiating a close political union with the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, over the past two years of its existence, this legislature has appropriated \$322,100.00 to carry out the negotiations with the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, even though the legislature has extremely limited budget, it has sacrificed to provide needed funds to bring to a successful resolution of our status; and

WHEREAS, it is extremely disturbing to receive reports that the efforts that have been expended relative to the status of the Marianas may not be finalized because of some apprehensions that new members of the commission have concerning the new status; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Mariana Islands District Legislature that the successful conclusion of current negotiations with representatives of the United States of America is of the utmost importance and we wish

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to advise the Marianas Political Status Commission that in the event that it is unable to successfully conclude current negotiations, then the District Legislature will undertake a conclusion of those negotiations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 4th Mariana Islands District Legislature, Fifth Regular Session, that the Marianas Political Status Commission is hereby advised that in the event that it is unable to successfully conclude negotiations, the District Legislature will take over the negotiations to finalize the political status for the government of the Northern Marianas.

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