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SUBJECT: LEGISLATURE APPROVES MARIANAS COVENANT

1. MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE ON FEB 20 UNANIMOUSLY PASSED RESOLUTION WHICH QUOTE HEREBY APPROVES THE COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR SUBMISSION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN A PLEBISCITE UNQUOTE. VOTE FOLLOWED THREE DAYS OF HEARINGS AT WHICH MPSC CHAIRMAN PANGELINAN AND MPSC CONSULTANTS HOLLARD WILLENS AND JAMES LEONARD WERE MAIN WITNESSES ON FEB 12. PRIOR TO SIGNING DOCUMENT, SAME WITNESSES MET WITH MCL TO OBTAIN MCL VIEWS.

2. MCL HAS 16 MEMBERS, 3 FROM ROTA, 1 FROM TINIAN, 1 FROM THE NORTHERN ISLANDS AND 11 FROM SAIPAN. TEN OF SAIPAN MEMBERS ARE POPULAR PARTY, REMAINING SIX TERRITORIAL PARTY.

3. FULL TEXT RESOLUTION ON POLAD/SC

BEGIN EXT. A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH. ADMIN INTERNAL USE ONLY

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OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SO THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS CAN EXERCISE THEIR SOVEREIGN AND INALIENABLE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN A PLEBISCITE.

WHEREAS, IN MAY 1972 THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE CREATED THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, WHICH CONSISTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS; AND

WHEREAS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DESIRES OF THE PEOPLE, THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE INSTRUCTED THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING THE TERMS OF A CLOSE AND ENDURING POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS; AND

WHEREAS, THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION HAS CONDUCTED STUDIES, WAS CONSULTED WITH AND MADE REPORTS TO THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, AND HAS NEGOTIATED FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS WITH THE UNITED STATES; AND

WHEREAS, THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION HAS APPROVED AND WAS PRESENTED TO THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE THE COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND RELATED DOCUMENTS; AND

WHEREAS, THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE HAS CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE COVENANT AND THE TECHNICAL AGREEMENT REGARDING THE USE OF AND TO BE LEASED TO THE UNITED STATES IN THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AND THE OTHER MATERIALS SUBMITTED IN THE FEBRUARY 1975 REPORT OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION; AND

WHEREAS, THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS HAVE AND MUST BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE THEIR SOVEREIGN AND INALIENABLE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE THAT THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION HAS PROPERLY PERFORMED ITS FUNCTION OF NEGOTIATING A CLOSE AND ENDURING POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;

AND THAT ONLY THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS CAN DECIDE WHETHER THE COVENANT EMBODIES THE POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WHICH THEY DESIRE TO ACHIEVE BY THE EXERCISE OF THEIR SOVEREIGN

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AND INALIENABLE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION; AND THAT, THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE HEREBY APPROVES THE COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR SUBMISSION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN A PLEBISCITE; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THE PRESIDENT SHOULD CERTIFY TO AND THE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY ATTEST TO THE ADOPTION HEREOF AND THEREAFTER TRANSMIT COPIES OF THE SAME TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS AND OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, THE HIGH COMMISSION, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICROAESIA, AND THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT. END TEXT, BERGSEN.

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