

FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

FIFTH REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 126-1975

INTRODUCED BY: ~~WON CARLOS/AI SHODA, SAIPAN~~
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES
2. AS ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY OF THE TRUST
3. TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS TO SET A
4. DATE AND CALL A PLEBISCITE IN THE MARIANA
5. ISLANDS DISTRICT RELATIVE TO THE COVENANT
6. TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
7. MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE
8. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
9. WHEREAS, on February 15, 1975, the Marianas Political Status Commission
10. and the President's Personal Representative to the Marianas Status
11. Negotiations signed the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern
12. Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America; and
13. WHEREAS, on February 20, 1975, the Mariana Islands District Legislature
14. unanimously approved the Covenant; and
15. WHEREAS, the people of the Mariana Islands District of the Trust
16. Territory of the Pacific Islands have and must be given the opportunity to
17. exercise their sovereign and inalienable right of self-determination to
18. approve or disapprove said Covenant; and
19. WHEREAS, the United States as Administering Authority of the Trust
20. Territory of the Pacific Islands has the responsibility to call a plebiscite
21. in order to give the people of the Mariana Islands District the opportunity
22. to exercise the right of self-determination relative to their future
23. political status;

1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Mariana Islands District
2. Legislature, that the United States of America as Administering Authority of
3. the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to set a date and call a
4. plebiscite in the Mariana Islands District in order to accord the people of
5. the district the opportunity to exercise their sovereign and inalienable
6. right of self-determination to express their decision on the Covenant to
7. Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union
8. with the United States of America;

9. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States as Administering
10. Authority in consultation with the Mariana Islands District Legislature or
11. its designee, is hereby further requested to establish voter qualifications
12. as provided in Section 1001, Article X, of the Covenant, and to promulgate
13. rules and regulations relative to the voter registration and the conduct and
14. administration of the plebiscite and to take all other necessary steps as
15. may be required for conducting a plebiscite; and

16. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President should certify to and the
17. Legislative Secretary attest to the adoption hereof and thereafter transmit
18. copies of the same to the General Assembly of the United Nations, the
19. Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, the President of the United
20. States, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Interior, Members of
21. the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and of the House
22. Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States Congress, the
23. High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the

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1. President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of the Congress of
2. Micronesia, U.S. Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams, the Marianas Political
3. Status Commission, and the District Administrator for the Mariana Islands
4. District.

PASSED BY THE FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE ON FEBRUARY 28, 1975.

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