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FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

FIFTH REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 72-1975

INTRODUCED BY: HON. DANIEL T. MUNA, SAIPAN

- 1. A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING
- 2. THE SECRETARY OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE
- 3. INTERIOR TO INCLUDE IN THE PROPOSED SECRETARIAL
- 4. ORDER FOR SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MARIANA
- 5. ISLANDS DISTRICT A PROVISION TO ALLOW THE PRESENT
- 6. MEMBERS OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DELEGATION TO THE
- 7. CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO SERVE AS SPECIAL
- 8. DELEGATES OR SPECIAL MEMBERS IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS
- 9. DISTRICT LEGISLATURE UNTIL JANUARY (1976) OR SOONER 1977
- 10. IF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
- 11. NORTHERN MARIANAS IS ESTABLISHED

12. WHEREAS, under provisions of Resolution No. 1-1974, First Regular Session,
 13. passed unanimously by the Legislature on September 7, 1974 during its First
 14. Special Session, urged the separate administration of the Marianas from the
 15. other districts of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands after approval
 16. of the covenant for the establishment of the Commonwealth of the Northern
 17. Marianas by the people and the United States; and

18. WHEREAS, the Marianas Political Status Commission has unanimously
 19. approved for the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas and a formal signing
 20. of this document between the members of the Marianas Political Status
 21. Commission and Ambassador Williams representing the United States of America
 22. will take which took place on Saturday, February 15, 1975 and unanimously
 23. an approval approved by the Mariana Islands District Legislature is expected
 24. to follow shortly thereafter and on February 20, 1975; and

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1. WHEREAS, after a period of explanations and discussion of provision of
2. the covenant with the public, the people of the Northern Marianas will have
3. an opportunity to express themselves with respect to the provisions of this
4. covenant for the establishment of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas;
5. and

6. WHEREAS, based on previous informal meetings with village groups, local
7. leaders and legislative bodies in the Mariana Islands District, we have every
8. confidence that this covenant will be overwhelmingly approved by the people of
9. the Northern Marianas; and

10. WHEREAS, when approved by all parties concerned, we anticipate the
11. separation of the Mariana Islands District from the other districts of the
12. Trust Territory and to be administered separately; and

13. WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the service by the newly elected members
14. to the Congress of Micronesia from the Marianas, it is the sense of this
15. legislature that the proposed Secretarial Order concerning separate
16. administration of the Marianas contain a provision to allow the present
17. members of the Marianas delegation to the Congress of Micronesia to serve as
18. special delegates or special members of the Mariana Islands District
19. Legislature with the same rights and privileges as other members until the
20. current term of the membership in the District Legislature expires in
21. January 1977 or until a legislature of the Commonwealth of the Northern
22. Mariana Islands is established;

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1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Mariana Islands District
2. Legislature, Fifth Regular Session, that the Secretary of the U.S. Department
3. of the Interior be and he hereby is respectfully requested to include in the
4. proposed Secretarial Order for separate administration of the Mariana
5. Islands District a provision to allow the present members of the Mariana
6. Islands delegation to the Congress of Micronesia to serve as special
7. delegates or special members in the Mariana Islands District Legislature
8. until January 197~~6~~⁷ or sooner if the legislature of the Commonwealth of the
9. Northern Marianas is established;
10. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President certify to and the
11. Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof and thereafter transmit
12. copies of the same to the Secretary of the United States Department of
13. Interior, Secretary of the United States Department of State, the High
14. Commissioner and to the District Administrator.

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

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